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Charity express heads to Kabul

By KIRSTIE WILDE

A CHRISTMAS whirlwind gathered \$53,000, transformed a big chunk of it into two tons of warm clothes and medicine, and sent it speeding from Carmel to Afghanistan, all in the space of just 10 days.

Peterson Conway was at the center of the charitable frenzy, somehow managing to turn the donations into desperately needed commodities for two Kabul orphanages without wasting a penny on transportation for the 8,000-mile trip. For that, he got more last-minute donations of trucking and air cargo space.

Conway will accompany the life-saving donations on a flight to Bagram airport in Afghanistan Dec. 28 and personally deliver them via military truck to 1,400 children at the orphanages in Kabul.

"They are only 45 minutes from the airport, so that part will be easy!" he said Wednesday evening, after collapsing at his home from the exhausting final day of his campaign to help the desperate orphans in Kabul. Volunteers from his store, Conway of Asia, and friends and strangers pitched in to fulfill the promise he made in *The Pine Cone* last week: to raise at least \$40,000 for the children and personally deliver it to make sure Carmel's largess isn't waylaid or lost in the chaos of war.

Some extremely generous gifts, including \$10,000 from Robert Talbott, \$4,000 from Susan Aqeel, \$5,000 from Jane Dart, \$15,000 from an anonymous Carmel benefactor and many smaller donations swelled the orphan's purse to

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City triumphs in court again

■ *No violation of state historic preservation laws*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE CITY of Carmel-by-the-Sea had no obligation to address the "cumulative impact" of alleged multiple demolitions of historic buildings when it allowed an old house on Scenic to be torn down in 1999, Monterey County Superior Court Judge Michael Fields ruled Dec. 14. The Donati house could not be part of a pattern of historic demolitions, the judge ruled, because it was not historic.

Judge Fields agreed with attorney Debra Tipton, who represented the city, that a lawsuit filed by Enid Sales and the group, Friends of Carmel Cultural Heritage, should be dismissed because they did not produce any evidence Carmel had illegally permitted historic buildings to be demolished.

Tipton also asked the judge not to get involved in the dispute, and let Carmel finish its own environmental review of the city's historic preservation practices.

"Having reviewed the record, the court finds for the city," Judge Fields wrote in his ruling. "Judge [Robert] O'Farrell has already determined the Donati house was not historic and thus the city had no duty to do a cumulative impact

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Peterson Conway (rt.) and volunteers Lisa Van der Sluis and Dona Seymour-Smith raced against time to pack 69 cartons with new clothes, soap, medicine and sleeping bags. The goods left Dec. 19 for orphanages in Afghanistan.

SAM FARR SIDESTEPS GARY CONDIT ENDORSEMENT

By PAUL MILLER

CENTRAL COAST Congressman Sam Farr said today he has not endorsed embattled Modesto Congressman Gary Condit for reelection, despite a report to the contrary this week in the San Francisco Chronicle.

But in a statement released by his office, Farr did not rule out the possibi-

ty of endorsing Condit, if he is asked to.

"I have worked with Gary Condit in the California Legislature and the U.S. Congress. He has always been a hard-working legislator. His campaign for re-election is between him and the voters of the new 18th Congressional district," Farr said.

What will he do if asked by Congressman Condit for an endorsement?

"We'll cross that bridge when we come to

it," Farr's statement said.

On Monday, a Chronicle political writer, Carla Marinucci, reported — without giving any attribution — that Farr has "joined [San Francisco Representative Nancy] Pelosi in endorsing Condit, but the vast majority of the 30 California House Democrats have remained neutral."

According to Farr's spokesperson, Betsy Lordan, the Chronicle's source was probably

the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call, which last week reported that "unnamed sources" said Farr had endorsed Condit.

The California Democratic Party and the party's national leadership have given Condit the cold shoulder since he admitted having an affair with a D.C. intern, Chandra Levy, who disappeared April 30.

Condit has also been accused by another

See *FARR* page 18A

Fish experts decry steelhead deaths

By MARY BROWNFIELD

THE LAGOON breach carried out by the county Dec. 3 may have left nearby homeowners happy and dry, but the juvenile steelhead in the lagoon did not fare so well, according to a fisheries supervisor with the California State Department of Fish and Game.

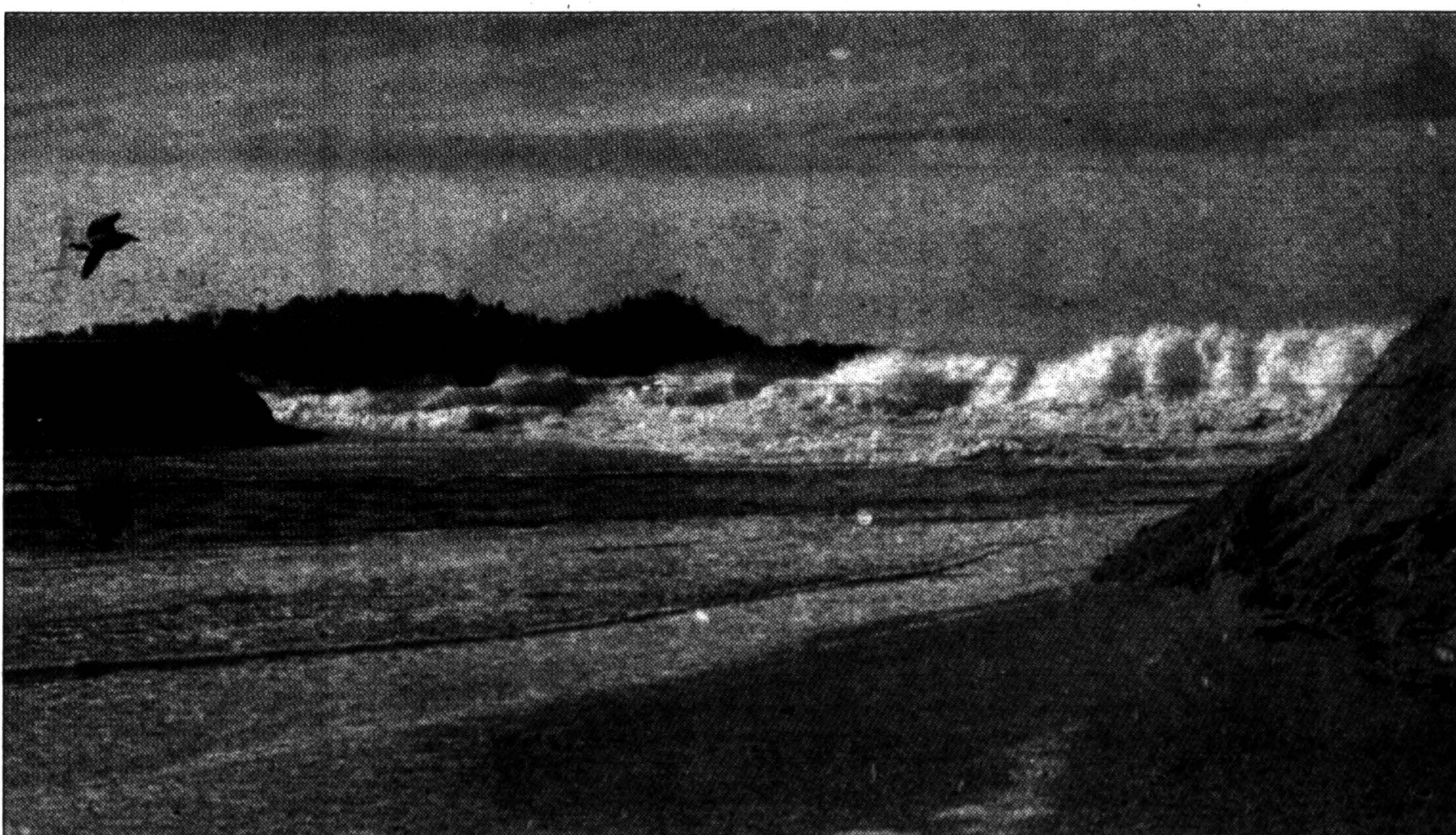
Based on spot checks conducted by Kevan Urquhart and three game wardens Nov. 30, the majority of the fish at the mouth of the Carmel River were not ready for the ocean when county workers bulldozed an opening that let the pent up river water flow out to sea.

During three separate sweeps that netted 66 juvenile fish, Urquhart found they had started to turn silver — indicating the biological changes that prepare the fish for salt water had begun — but all still displayed the striped "parr marks" of young freshwater fish.

"None of them were fully silvered — I couldn't guarantee any of them were ready to go to the ocean," he said.

When heavy rains pushed the lagoon to its limit the night of Dec. 2, Urquhart was on scene to survey the breaching.

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PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

Despite reassurances last week that steelhead trout in the Carmel River were ready to migrate to the Pacific Ocean when the sandbar (above) was breached Dec. 3, a local trout expert and a biologist from state fish and game say the sudden draining of the lagoon probably killed most of the juvenile trout.

Rose: City should take good hard look at fire department operations

By MARY BROWNFIELD

CARMEL SHOULD repair or replace the Sixth Avenue firehouse, conduct a detailed survey of data from satellites to determine the exact longitude and latitude of every building in the city, evaluate the fire department's leadership, and figure out the best way to run it for the least amount of money, according to Carmel City Councilman Gerard Rose.

"The unsafe state of the firehouse, the enormous expense of fire protection and the possibility that there may be significant cuts in the city's revenue all suggest that it would be prudent to look at the various alternatives for the city's firefighting delivery system," Rose said in a memo to Carmel City Administrator Rich Guillen.

But the councilman, who specialized in firefighting and damage control while serving in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War, hasn't made up his mind that big changes in the city's fire protection system are warranted.

"Naturally, there is an 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' mentality among many of the citizens, and that may well be the best conclusion in the long run," Rose said. His report springs from two years he spent analyzing the efficiency and proficiency of the city's fire and emergency services.

Immediate concerns

Rose suggested that "at a minimum," the city immediately address the unsafe fire sta-

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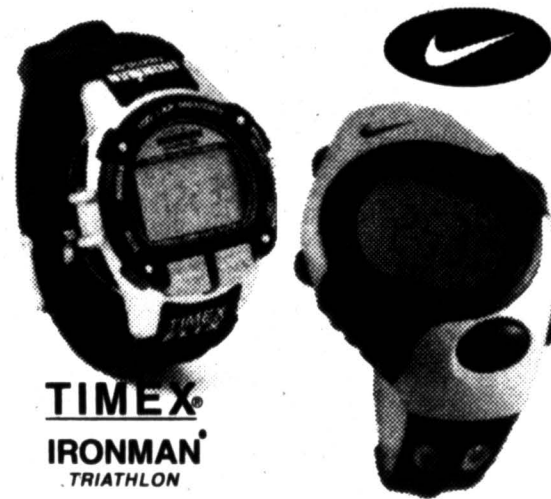
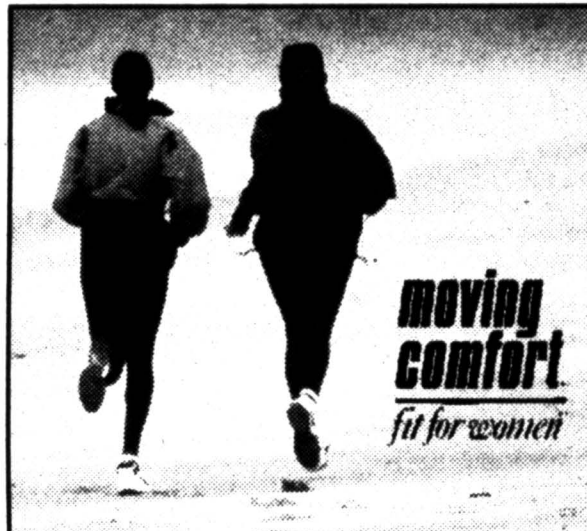
What's next for the Carmel Fire Department? Cutting costs could mean bringing in the California Department of Forestry or the C.V. Fire Protection District.



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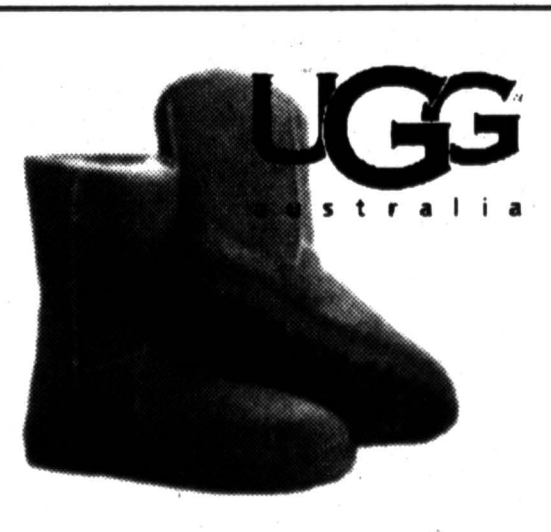
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Attorney general's office wants Hatton Canyon lawsuit moved to Monterey County

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A LAWSUIT challenging the sale of Hatton Canyon to the California Department of Parks and Recreation should be heard in Monterey County and not in Santa Clara County where it was filed, the state attorney general's office argued this week.

Supervising deputy attorney general John Davidson, defending state parks, said he will file a motion for a change of venue to move the hearing here.

"Because the property is located entirely in Monterey County, that's the place where the court should hear it," Davidson said.

Citizens for Hatton Canyon, freeway supporters who filed the lawsuit in Santa Clara County Superior Court Nov. 15, contend the impending sale of the Caltrans' right-of-way is unconstitutional. Because of that, their attorney, Christine Gianascol, argued the lawsuit is of statewide concern.

And, Gianascol said, there is good reason to leave the case right where it was filed.

"Santa Clara is centrally located between the Caltrans legal office in San Francisco

and Monterey County," Gianascol said. "So it's the logical place to file."

The lawsuit contends the new state law requiring Caltrans to sell the canyon to state parks violates the California constitution, which strictly limits when property reserved for highways can be converted to parkland.

Davidson predicted the attorney general's office won't file a response to the lawsuit until the judge rules on the change of venue. However, he was confident the courts would agree to move the case to Monterey County.

"This is really a dispute about what is going to happen to the title of the land," he said. "The courts have traditionally said the appropriate place to hear the case is the county where the land is located."

"I'm not aware that the Hatton Canyon group or the one person they named are residents of Santa Clara," he added. "None of the agencies they've named has headquarters in Santa Clara."

Meanwhile, state parks officials are moving forward on the documentation for the property transfer. Gordon McDaniel, senior land agent for state parks, said he hopes to

finish the paperwork by the end of January.

"We're slowly going forward until told otherwise," McDaniel said.

Gianascol said she's waiting for the A.G.'s response to the suit before deciding whether to ask for a court order to stop the transfer.

'The courts have traditionally said the appropriate place to hear the case is the county where the land is located.'

— John Davidson

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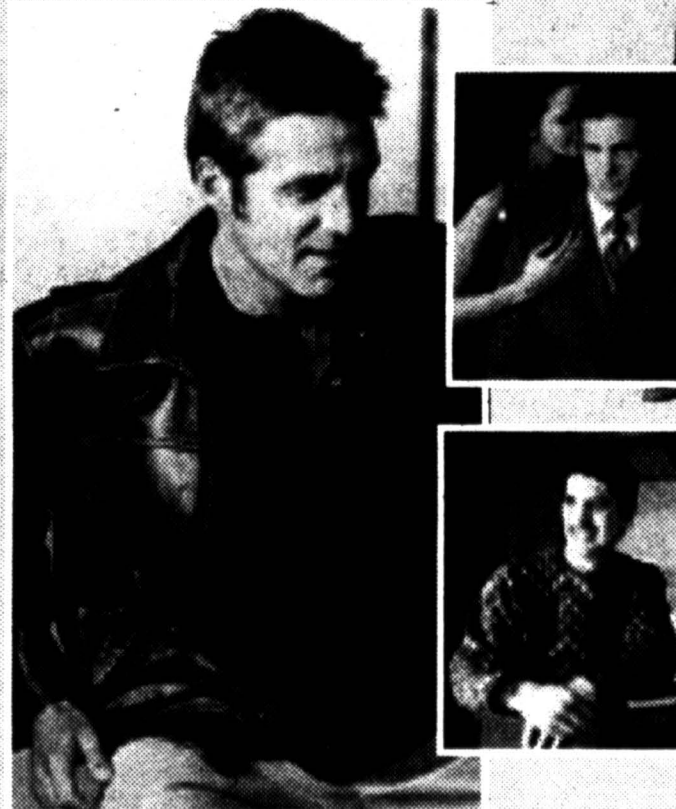
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Police & Sheriff's Log

Smoke alarm no good unless ivy's on fire

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel-by-the-Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a tree in the roadway at Ocean and Torres. Upon arrival there was a tree limb obstructing traffic. Tree

limb removed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Completed investigation of an animal bite at Carmel Beach.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a white 1997 Ford Expedition stolen from San Carlos and Ninth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: A motorist in a Ford pickup, while in the process of helping another car stuck in the sand at Del Mar, became stuck himself after freeing the other vehicle. AAA was notified at the driver's request. The vehicle was removed upon the tow truck's arrival. No citation was issued due to the "Good Samaritan" deed done for the other driver.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Monterey County Sheriff's Department requested assistance for a domestic dispute at a Lazzaro residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed a water leak

in the driveway at Carmel Mission. Cal-Am advised.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Located a male changing a tire on his car at Junipero and Fifth. Provided light so he could see to complete the job.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Sheriff's department requested an attempt to locate a subject for a Health & Safety Code evaluation. Reported to have left Pacific Grove for the Flanders Mansion area, and to be suicidal and schizophrenic. Search conducted with negative results.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a fallen tree at Casanova and 11th. Found a 50-foot Acacia tree had become uprooted and fallen completely across Casanova. Power lines and TV cable

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ACROSS

- 1 Second-rate
- 7 White rat, e.g.
- 13 Donut, mathematically
- 19 Showy shrub
- 20 Enter, as data
- 21 Up for grabs
- 23 Screwball actress?
- 25 Science of programmable machines
- 26 Burlesque bit
- 27 It's outstanding
- 28 Passport producer
- 30 Twisty turns
- 31 Checks out carefully
- 33 Turners of blind eyes
- 35 Big Indian
- 38 Cousin of "Rah!"
- 39 Schiller work adapted by Beethoven
- 43 Ovid opus
- 45 Lock
- 47 French illustrator Gustave
- 48 Not shut, to Shelley
- 49 "Phooey!"
- 50 Per
- 52 "Suppose ..."
- 54 Biddy

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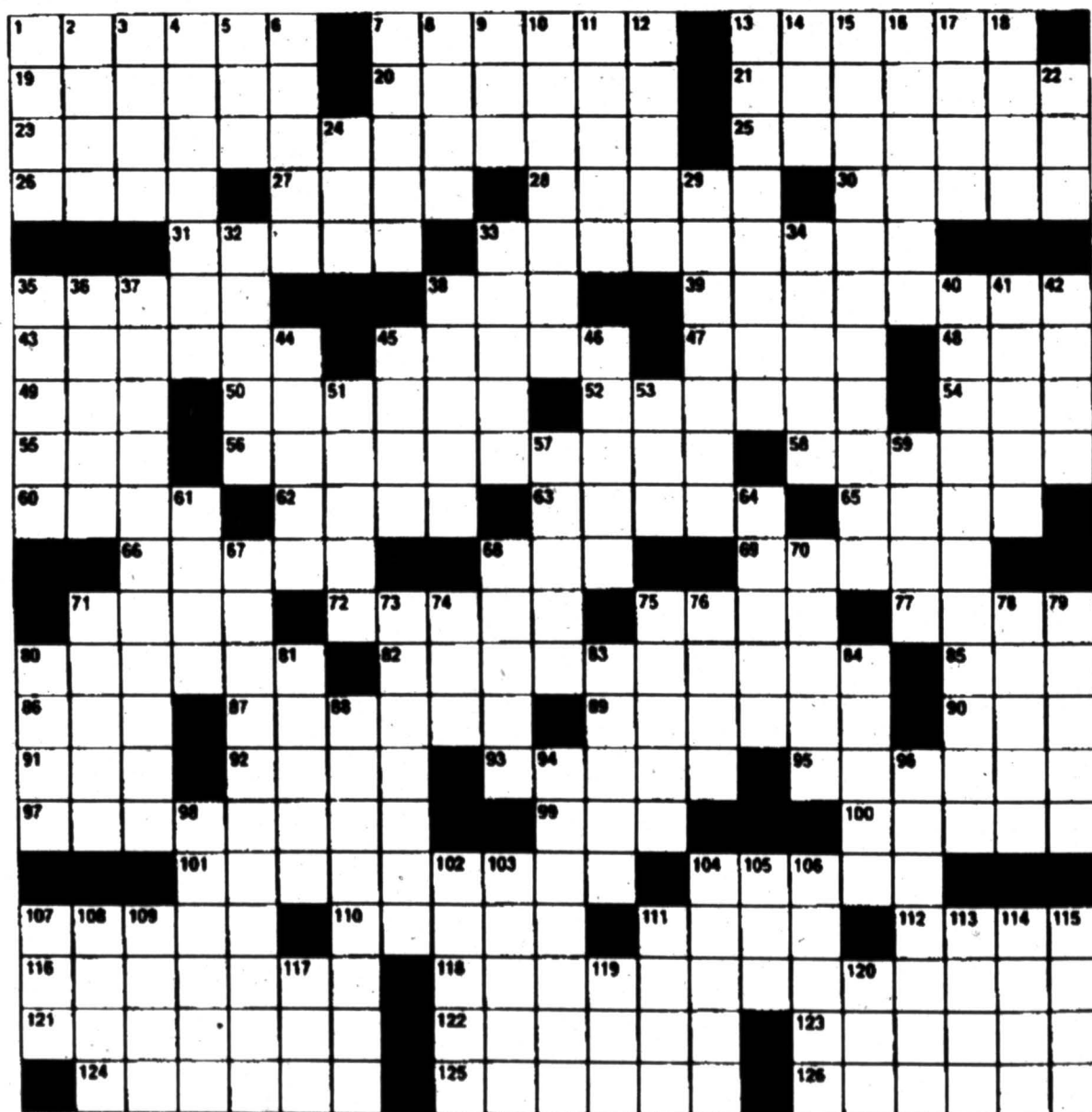
- 55 The Admiral Benbow _____ ("Treasure Island" locale)
- 56 Actress on parole?
- 58 Animals with twisted horns
- 60 "Two Years Before the Mast" writer
- 62 3:1, e.g.
- 63 "Family Ties" mother
- 65 This puzzle's surplus
- 66 Farsi speaker
- 68 Colorless gas with a pungent odor, for short
- 69 Nuremberg trial defendant
- 71 Spotted
- 72 Words following "often"
- 75 Prefix with -hedron
- 77 Part of an oil lamp
- 80 Plumb eater
- 82 Cross-dressing comedian?
- 85 Prefix with -hedron
- 86 Place for bateaux
- 87 Extras
- 89 Nationalists' capital
- 90 Feline, to Tweety
- 91 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star

ACROSS

- 92 Make more potent
- 93 Winter Palace figures
- 95 Blessing elicitor
- 97 Gloomy Gus
- 99 Quotable one
- 100 Shipping weights
- 101 None the worse for wear, emotionally
- 104 "Full House" star
- 107 Ladybug's prey
- 110 Romance novelist Georgette
- 111 Cassio's rival
- 112 Online event
- 116 Junior partner, maybe
- 118 Mad-dog singer?
- 121 Widens, in a way
- 122 News-making 1926 Channel swimmer
- 123 Tyro
- 124 Setting of many Hardy novels
- 125 Turn in
- 126 Site of 1970's marches

DOWN

- 1 W.C.'s
- 2 Book before Daniel: Abbr.
- 3 Lahore garb
- 4 Miniature racer
- 5 Dusk, to Donne
- 6 Bootleggers' worries
- 7 Some Semites
- 8 Took a powder
- 9 _____ Harbour, Fla.
- 10 Some taters
- 11 Canon rival
- 12 Uninterruptedly
- 13 1926 La Scala premiere
- 14 Sean _____ Lennon
- 15 Chicken general?
- 16 Michigan town where Thomas Dewey was born
- 17 Results of some bad QB passes
- 18 "Dat _____" (jazz tune)
- 22 Prefix with function
- 24 Clamp shape
- 29 Thingamajigs
- 32 On top
- 33 Actor Lee Van _____
- 34 Like "The X-Files"
- 35 Fanatical
- 36 "Built better than it has to be" sloganer
- 37 Singer in a brawl?
- 38 Ocean menaces
- 40 Dawdling actor?
- 41 Some newspaper essays
- 42 Itches
- 44 Runaway of rhyme
- 45 Look after
- 46 Terrif
- 51 Kind of ink
- 53 Attention-getter



- 57 Prefix with linear
- 59 Not many
- 61 Expanse
- 64 Bar, in law
- 67 Belgian advice columnist?
- 68 Actor Buchholz
- 70 Duelers' units
- 71 1983 Indy 500 winner Tom
- 73 Eyeball covers
- 74 Art Ross Trophy org.

- 75 Work _____
- 76 Collinsworth of N.F.L. fame
- 78 The twist, once
- 79 Toys with tails
- 80 One-named supermodel
- 81 Cafeteria needs
- 83 Sober
- 84 Kunta _____ ("Roots" role)
- 88 Picnic staple

- 94 Avoided an accident, maybe
- 96 Be humiliated
- 98 Stereotypical bouquet bringer
- 102 Golf's _____ Cup
- 103 Aptly named author
- 104 "The Crucible" setting
- 105 Store, as wine
- 106 Gadabouts
- 107 Financing abbr.

- 108 Sentence part: Abbr.
- 109 Wanderer
- 111 Waiting
- 113 Jazz (up)
- 114 Going _____
- 115 Huxtable boy
- 117 Word said while scratching the head
- 119 Spleen
- 120 Rock's _____ Fighters

Answer to puzzle on page 16A

Carmel police cry for leads on persistent burglars

CARMEL RESIDENTS need to keep their eyes and ears open for out-of-the-ordinary cars, people and sounds, Carmel Police Detective Sgt. Terry Chandler warned this week. Thieves have burglarized nine homes in the city during the past month — usually by breaking out a window in broad daylight — and no one has seen or heard a thing.

In addition to Carmel's nine burglaries, in which the perpetrators have taken thousands of dollars worth of jewelry as well as small electronic items, the sheriff's department has received reports of 18 burglaries in the surrounding area since August. Carmel police believe the crimes may all have been committed by the same two suspects, whom deputies have described as two white males with dark hair, one with a mustache and one with bright blue eyes. One appears to be thin, and both wear ski jackets.

"They're all the same M.O.," Chandler said.

Carmel's most recent break-in occurred Dec. 15 at a San Carlos residence.

"Apparently the victims were at home around 5 p.m. and heard something, but they didn't pay any attention to it and then went out to dinner," he said. "They came back and found they had been cleaned out."

The thieves took \$36,000 worth of jewelry from that house. "They waited until they left," Chandler said. "They're getting bolder."

Chandler urged residents to report anything odd to police, whether it be an unfamiliar car, a person walking door to door, or simply a concern. He also said Carmelites should hide their jewelry in unusual spots since these burglars apparently know how to search for valuables and get out of a home quickly.



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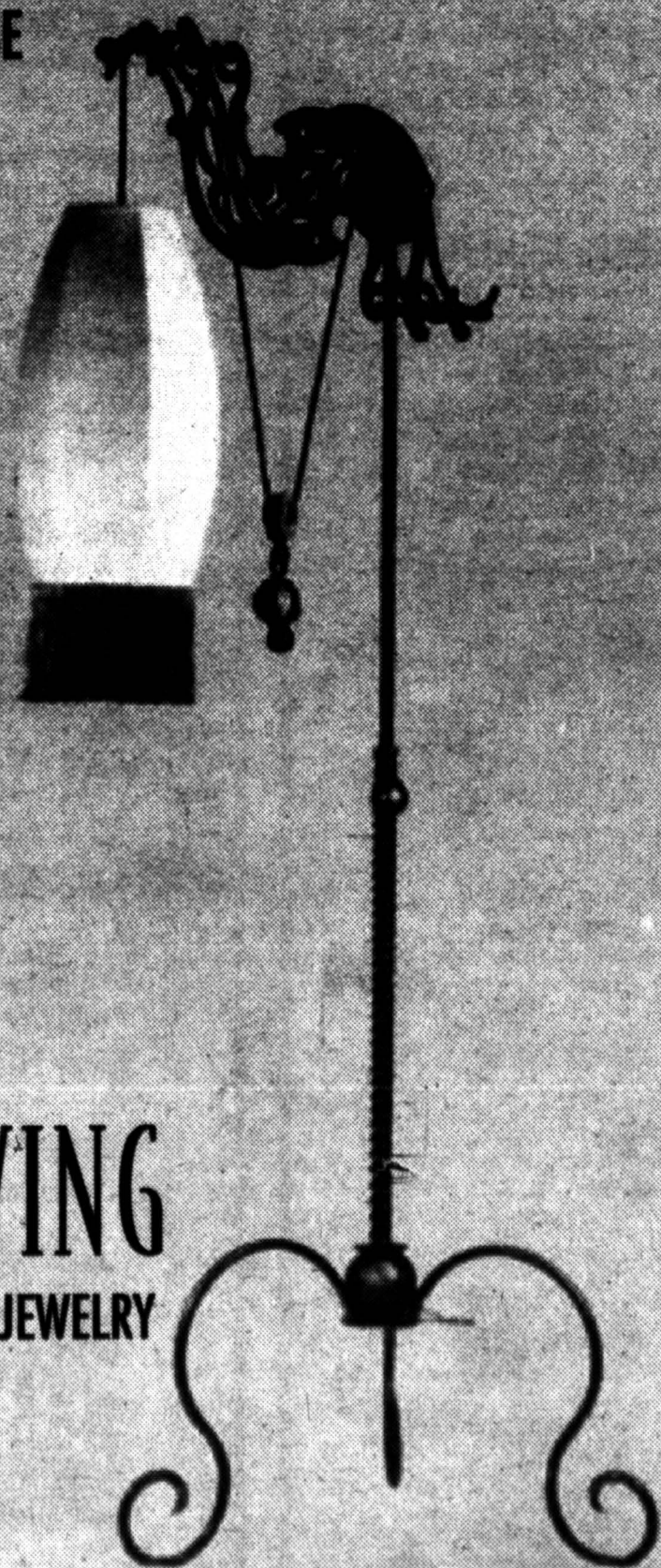
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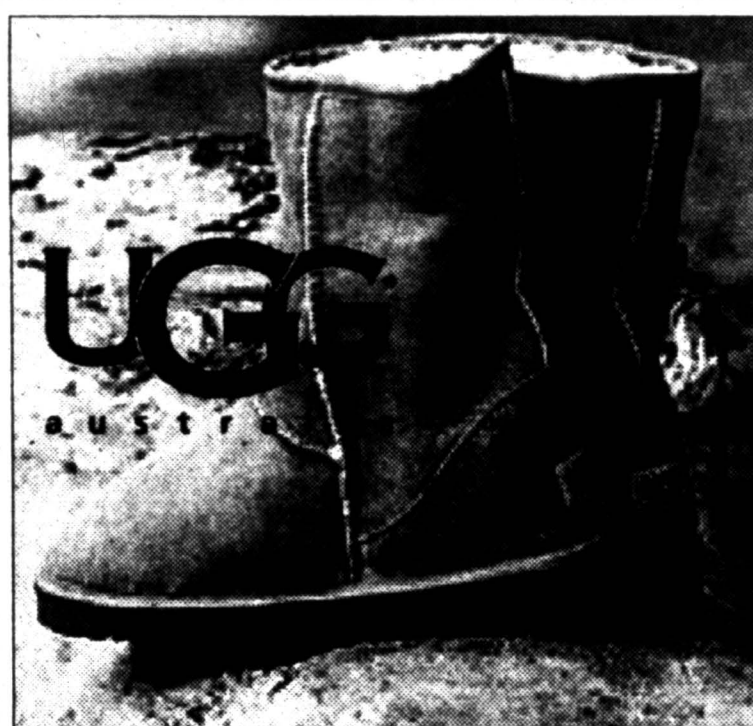
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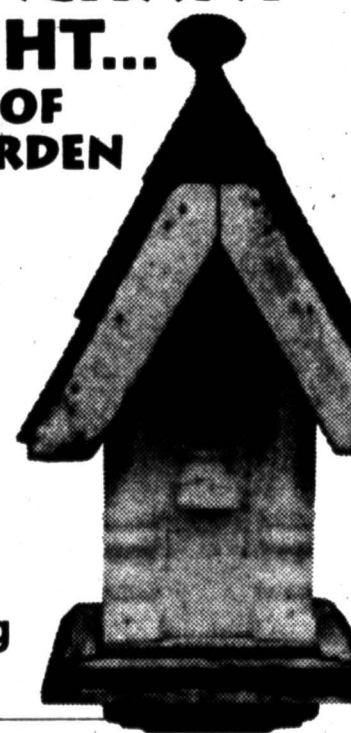
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Monterey Bay AIA competition may create new housing

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE AMERICAN Institute of Architects (AIA) Monterey Bay Chapter is inviting the world to help Monterey County create affordable housing. The chapter is sponsoring an international competition structured so that the winning designs have a good chance of actually being built.

"What we're looking for are some real solutions to housing," said Dennis Hodgins, vice president of AIA Monterey Bay. "We want to create a vision that the public can see and buy into — one that is environmentally sensitive, sustainable and fits with the character and quality of Monterey County."

Architects, designers, planners and even lay people will be invited to submit their ideas to the web-based competition, which is scheduled to open next April.

The local AIA chapter has already invited the cities, counties, and staff from the offices of Reps. Sam Farr and Simon

Salinas to be involved in the planning.

Bob Humel, the housing and property manager for the City of Monterey, said he was pleased to be asked to sit on the steering committee for the competition. "They've involved us since the beginning which is essential because each city and the county will be the ones to have the ultimate say over projects."

AIA Monterey Bay Director of Government Relations Michael Waxer pointed out that solutions for affordable housing may not necessarily entail new construction. Some ideas might include increasing mixed uses or offering innovations in transportation and water reclamation, Waxer said.

"We want people to be as unrestricted as possible so their creative juices will get going."

The competition will be split into three phases, including:

■ a concept phase, where any and all ideas are considered;

■ a design development stage, in which participants whose ideas show the most promise will be awarded money to develop them further; and

■ a final phase to bring designers, developers and local government entities together to move forward with a project that may be suitable for a specific area.

Some of the organizers were reluctant to use the words "affordable housing" because of the negative connotations people associate with that term. Humel suggested using the word "attainable" instead.

Contest participants may focus their efforts on a particular need in the county — housing for farm workers, redevelopment in inter city areas of Salinas or Seaside, or providing housing for the work force in affluent resort communities.

Participants will have a head start in researching the various needs of Monterey County if they take advantage of the background data already collected by the county.

"If someone wanted to select a site, define a problem and then solve it, they could get a huge amount of background information in terms of demographics, where the county is growing and how you define work-force housing," Waxer said.

Away from the theoretical

Hodgins said members of AIA Monterey Bay came up with the idea for a housing competition after a meeting with Farr last February in which the congressman asked the local chapter to get involved.

"As we dug into the problem we realized how complex it is," Hodgins said. "It's a huge problem that affects all levels of life, such as the environment and traffic."

Members were inspired to hold a housing competition — an innovation often used in Europe.

"This gives us an opportunity to put ideas on paper and

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P.G. program making dent in affordable housing problem

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THIS YEAR 17 low-income families are able to live in Pacific Grove with the help of a \$250-a-month subsidy to put toward the rent.

There is high demand for the rental assistance program and each year the city receives far more applications than it can handle. But for the past three years, at least Pacific Grove can say it is doing something.

"It's the only program I know of in the state where a city is using its own city funds to provide rental assistance," said Julie Uretsky, associate planner with P.G.'s housing division.

The city is now accepting applications for the waiting list for the rental assistance program. The deadline is Feb. 1.

Uretsky explained that the 17 households already participating are automatically accepted to continue in the program the next year as long as they're still eligible and funding is still available.

In the past three years few have dropped out. The competition will be stiff for any new spots — for the last two years the city received 85 applications just to be on the waiting list.

However, there is the possibility that the Pacific Grove City Council will increase the \$51,000 annual funding to reach more low income households.

Each year since the program's inception, the city has increased the funding to assist more people — from 10 households the first year to 17 households currently.

"This started three years ago because Pacific Grove started seeing people leave because they couldn't afford the rent," Uretsky said. "The city council said, 'We have to do something.'"

The program targets extremely low-income families, especially single-parent households, elderly and disabled residents.

Sometimes it's "not that the rents are so outrageous," Uretsky pointed out. "It's just that people who live off \$800 or \$900 a month with social security or disability might have to spend \$750 of that on rent."

More outreach?

In Carmel, where city leaders have also called attention to the dearth of affordable housing, officials may want to take a look at Pacific Grove's example. Carmel is poised to delve into all housing issues next year as it begins revamping the housing section of the city's general plan. Rental assistance will be one of many ideas planning staff will bring up to show how other communities deal with affordable housing needs, said acting planning director Chip Rerig.

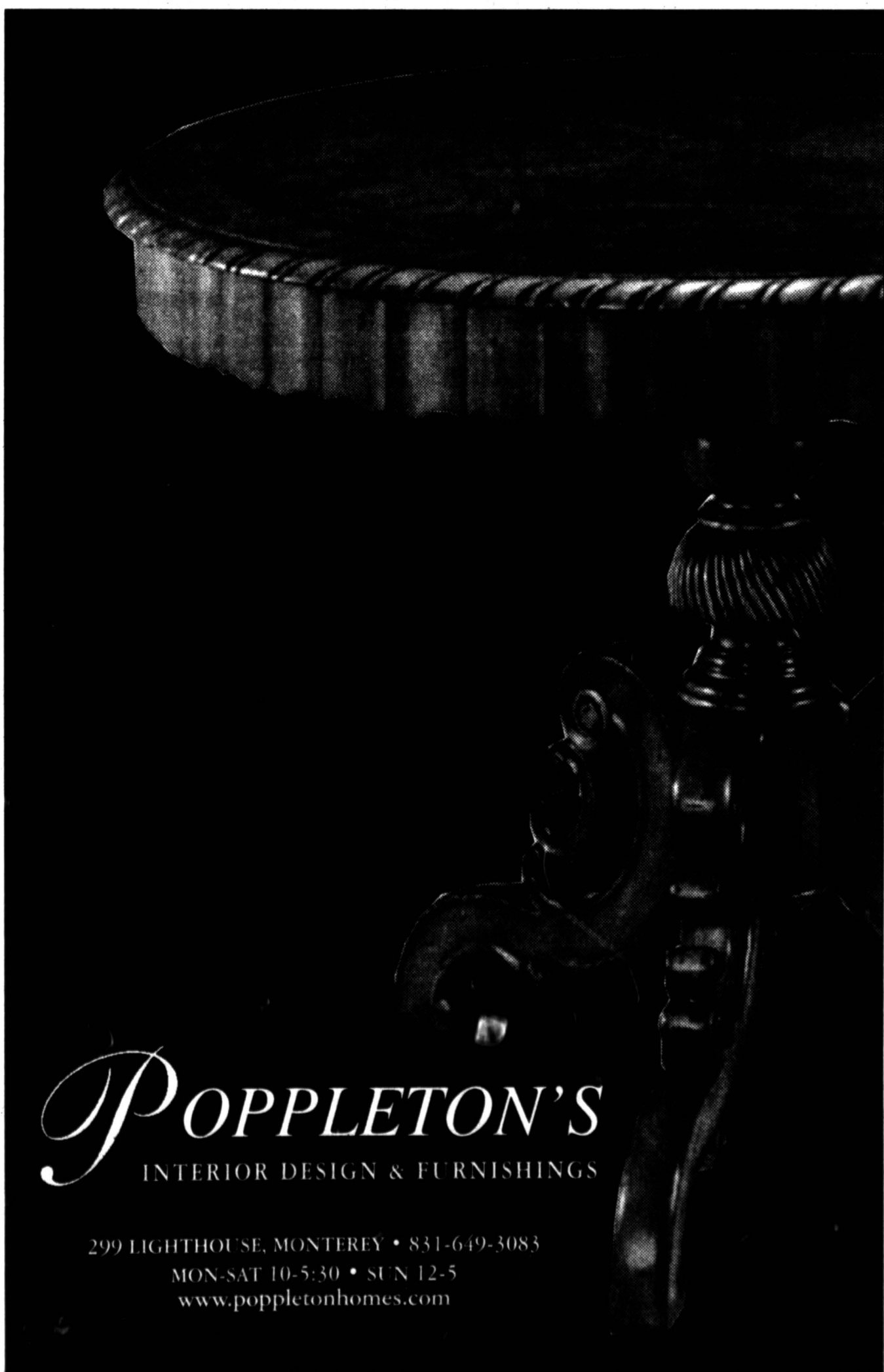
"There are a lot of opportunities out there — a lot of unexplored territory that we as a city have an obligation to inquire about," Rerig said.

In Pacific Grove Uretsky said the rental assistance program succeeds in reaching a good mix of people — grandparents, single parents, young and older disabled people.

"Grandparents and people who have been here their whole lives are now able to stay here," said Uretsky, who wishes the program could reach more people.

"A couple of community groups have asked if they could donate money to aid more people and we say absolutely. We would use the donation in a heartbeat for people on the waiting list.

On an annual basis, the program provides \$3,000 of rental assistance per family, which is paid directly to the landlord.



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Pitch canker detective optimistic about health of Carmel's pines

By TAMARA GRIPPI



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AFTER EXAMINING approximately 650 Monterey pines in Carmel over the past month, trained volunteer Gene McFarland is optimistic that the level of pine pitch canker is now under control.

McFarland, who also participated in a survey of Asilomar's pine forest last year, said Carmel's trees are generally a lot healthier than Asilomar's.

"It's not like the sky is falling," McFarland said this week as he trekked some of the streets near the Forest Theater, looking for the telltale signs of pine pitch canker. "However, the closer to the ocean you get, there's more intensity [of the fungus]."

On one day this week, McFarland examined 17 pines and only three of them were infected with pine pitch canker — one severely infected. Those results have been fairly typical of what he's found throughout the southeast corner of Carmel, he said.

McFarland, a Carmel native, is one of the volunteers participating in the pitch canker mapping project headed up by U Win, Ph.D., a research associate at California State University Monterey Bay's Spatial-Information Visualization and Analysis Resources Center.

The results of the pine tree survey will ultimately be used to map the progression of the disease throughout Carmel and other areas.

McFarland, probably the most productive volunteer in the program, brings a sharp eye and a detective's discernment to the job.

"It's a difficult time of year to look at the trees because of the natural die back," McFarland said. "So I try to look at the trees from a 360-degree angle as much as possible."

During his survey work this week, McFarland inspected several trees that looked sick; however, he determined that other sources — not pitch canker — were the

culprits. Gene McFarland's survey of Carmel showed relatively few trees infected with pine pitch canker now.

In one instance, the presence of mistletoe was causing the die back of nearby branches.

McFarland examined another towering pine which has lost most of its lower branches, making it appear more like an umbrella than a full tree.

"This one is in the twilight of its life, but it doesn't have anything to do with pitch canker," he said.

Farther down the street, McFarland spotted a healthy-looking tree that had a few areas of die back and flagging — branches stripped of their needles. Bingo.

"This one is about 70 years old and is showing the initial signs of infection," he said.

While die back of branches can be caused by various factors, McFarland explained that the giveaway for pitch canker is when the upper tips of branches are brown.

People should pay attention to the fact that pitch canker is pretty contagious. "If I

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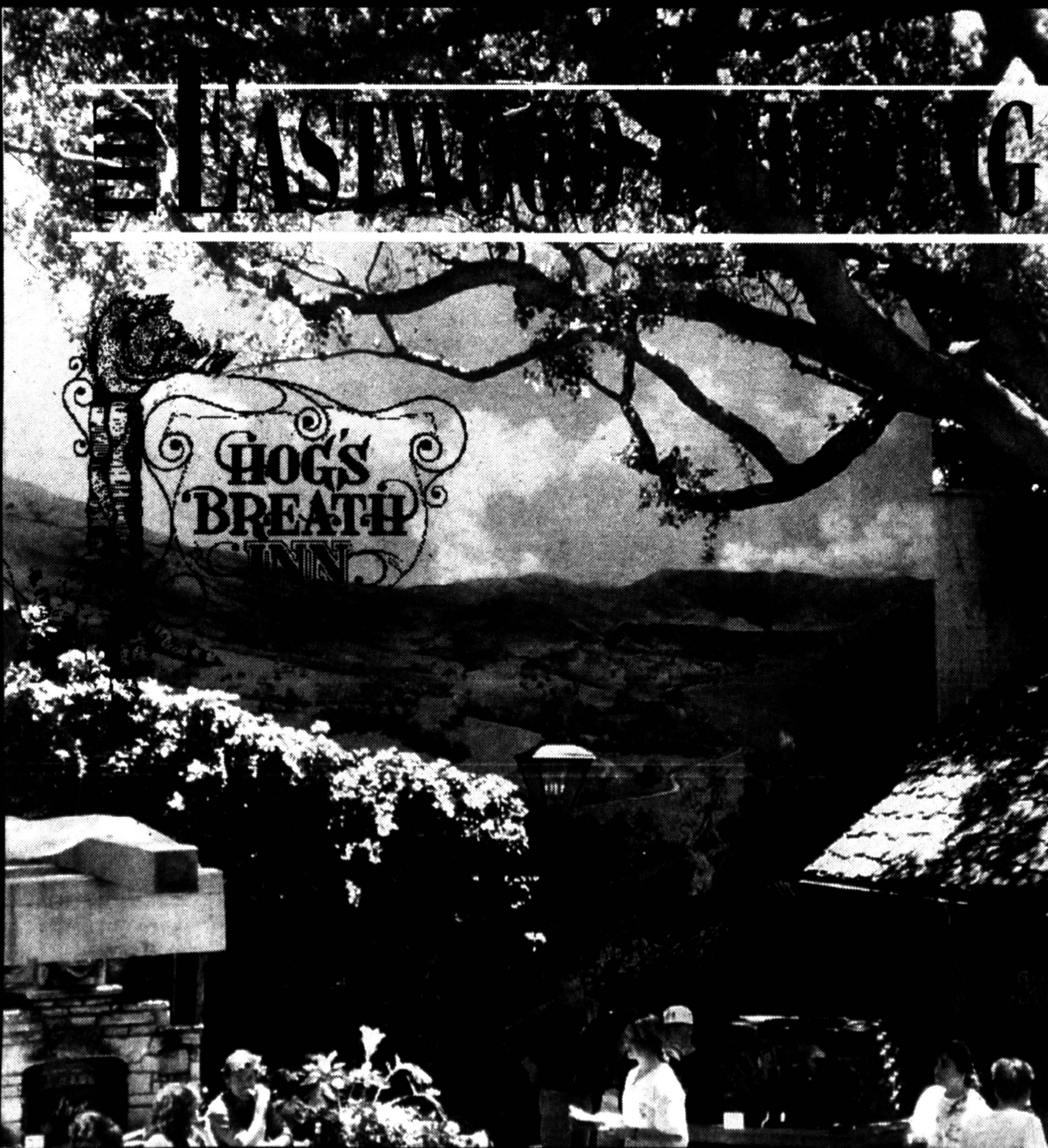
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Carmel Valley

\$2,800 brings county one property closer to underground wires on C.V. Road

By MARY BROWNFIELD

UNSIGHTLY POWER lines on Carmel Valley Road near Quail Lodge moved one step closer to coming down when the Monterey County Board of Supervisors approved the \$2,813 purchase of a utility easement in the area from HAL, a California Limited Partnership last week.

"What we have yet to do is acquire easements from approximately seven more property owners," said county public works director Lew Bauman, but his department is currently working on it.

The deals take a lot of time to come together because landowners often have concerns about the rights they are relinquishing and many of them live outside the area, accord-

ing to Bauman.

"We always find that negotiating these on a property-by-property basis is a time-consuming process," he said.

Once all the affected property owners decide to sell public utility easements to the county, PG&E will complete the design engineering and begin construction to place its main lines underground. The costs of that work will be covered by utility fees collected from county residents.

Undergrounding the wires from the main line to the individual properties is another story, however. That work is typically paid for with city or county funds, or through creation of assessment districts.

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TIME IS winding down to make charitable donations before the 2001 tax year ends, and organizers of Sober Grad Night hope to grab some of those dollars to help make their 10th Annual Sober Grand Night, slated for June 14, 2002, the best yet. Donations of time and prizes are also welcome.

Event organizers — all parent volunteers and community members — transform areas at Carmel High School into a festive scene with games, music and other activities, and

the theme and accompanying touches are kept a secret to keep the students in suspense. The entire point is to provide a safe all-night party for the graduating seniors, and every year organizers try to outdo their predecessors with fabulous themes and prizes.

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Water board majority wants to eliminate water transfers

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WITH A new member on board, the water management district is ready to reverse course on water transfers. A new ordinance passed just last month will come back in a completely new form at the board's January meeting — it will then prohibit the transfer of water credits to any project.

Following the lead of director Zan Henson, the directors voted 4-2 this week to reconsider the recently revised water transfer ordinance they had approved 5-2 last month. That action voided their November approval, and Henson then proposed the law be rewritten to forbid the transfers alto-

gether.

His motion to "direct staff to come back with proposed language that would revoke the water credit transfer system" was seconded by director Molly Erickson, a consistent opponent of the program. Directors Kris Lindström and Judi Lehman also voted in favor of the change. Lehman, sworn in an hour earlier, made no comments during the hearing.

Before the vote, director Alvin Edwards pleaded with the board not to throw away two years of debates and work that yielded an ordinance he said people could live with.

"Don't turn your back on your communities by revoking the ordinance," he said. "Don't do it."

Before it was voided, the new law would have allowed the transfer of water credits from businesses to other businesses, as well as from commercial properties to the government. It reduced the amount of water that could be transferred and increased demands for documentation of past and current water use. If allowed to remain on the books, the new rules would have taken effect Dec. 19.

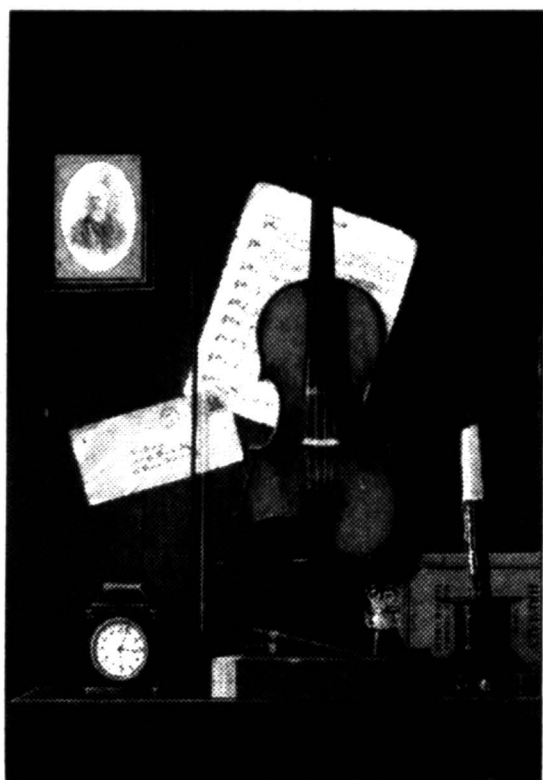
Edwards and chairman Dave Potter voted against the new prohibition. Director David Pendergrass was absent.

The rewritten Ordinance 101 will be considered by the board for the first time Jan. 31. Potter said he hoped it would receive full public review and comment. If approved in January, the rule will be considered again by the board a month later, and take effect a month after that. In the meantime, a moratorium on water credit transfer applications remains in place. The board voted 5-1 to extend that suspension until March 31.

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Holly survives on three good legs, but needs a hand

By KIRSTIE WILDE

ANIMAL CONTROL officer Elizabeth Yeo had been trying to help the injured dog since June, but the frightened young animal was always three steps ahead of the dog catcher — a pretty amazing feat of survival, considering "Holly" could not even put weight on her broken hind foot.

Finally last month, Holly was spotted behind the Little Chicken House restaurant in Pacific Grove. Every night for two or three weeks, resident Teresa Fredericks patiently left food there for Holly, hoping to establish a pattern in feeding to gain the timid dog's confidence.

But still, Fredericks couldn't get close enough to catch her. So Yeo borrowed a big trap from the SPCA, baited it with Trader Joe's signature dog chow and, finally, Holly was in custody.

Now, the last thing Yeo wants to do is send Holly to the shelter because she probably won't be easily adopted there.

"We need a special person who will give Holly a home this holiday," Yeo said. "She may need surgery on her foot,

but we have a benefactor who has promised to help pay for it."

Ocean View Animal Hospital already donated X-rays and all of Holly's vaccinations. She is only about 2 years old, has been spayed and is "an absolutely sweet dog" who passed Yeo's "pinch/pull" test with flying colors.

"I grab them, pinch and pull their skin, ears and feet to see if they have a jerky reaction or if they will turn and snap. She passed that very well and didn't try to bite me. She also was very calm with the vet," Yeo, who has years of experience with animals, said "I have no doubt she is tame and gentle."

Laura Wright, a Pacific Grove groomer who shined Holly up for her holiday photo in The Pine Cone, speculated that Holly may have been lost after being hit by a car or falling out of a truck when she was still a pup. She fended for herself for months, all the while enduring the pain of her broken foot.

"She's been so traumatized already, and if no one comes forward to take her, she'll have to go to the SPCA," Wright said. "She'd make an excellent dog for an older person because she is so mellow."

If you'd like to adopt Holly, please call Elizabeth Yeo at 643-7629



PHOTO/KIRSTIE WILDE

Pacific Grove Animal Control Officer Elizabeth Yeo hopes a patched-up survivor named Holly will find a loving home.

Local engineers come through for the kids

THE MONTEREY Bay Chapter of the California Society of Professional Engineers presented two overflowing barrels of toys to the Marine Corps at the engineers' annual Toys for Tots luncheon at La Playa Dec. 12.

Carmel Public Works Director Jim Cullem, who is this year's president of the local chapter, was enthusiastic about the donations. The staff of La Playa joined the professional engineers in contributing presents for the children.

"Now we really have a tough target to meet next Christmas," Cullem said.

During the luncheon Lisa Moana, the proud mother of a U.S. Marine, presented the donations to Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darrin McCoy and Lance Cpls. Paris Carvey and Logan Mason.

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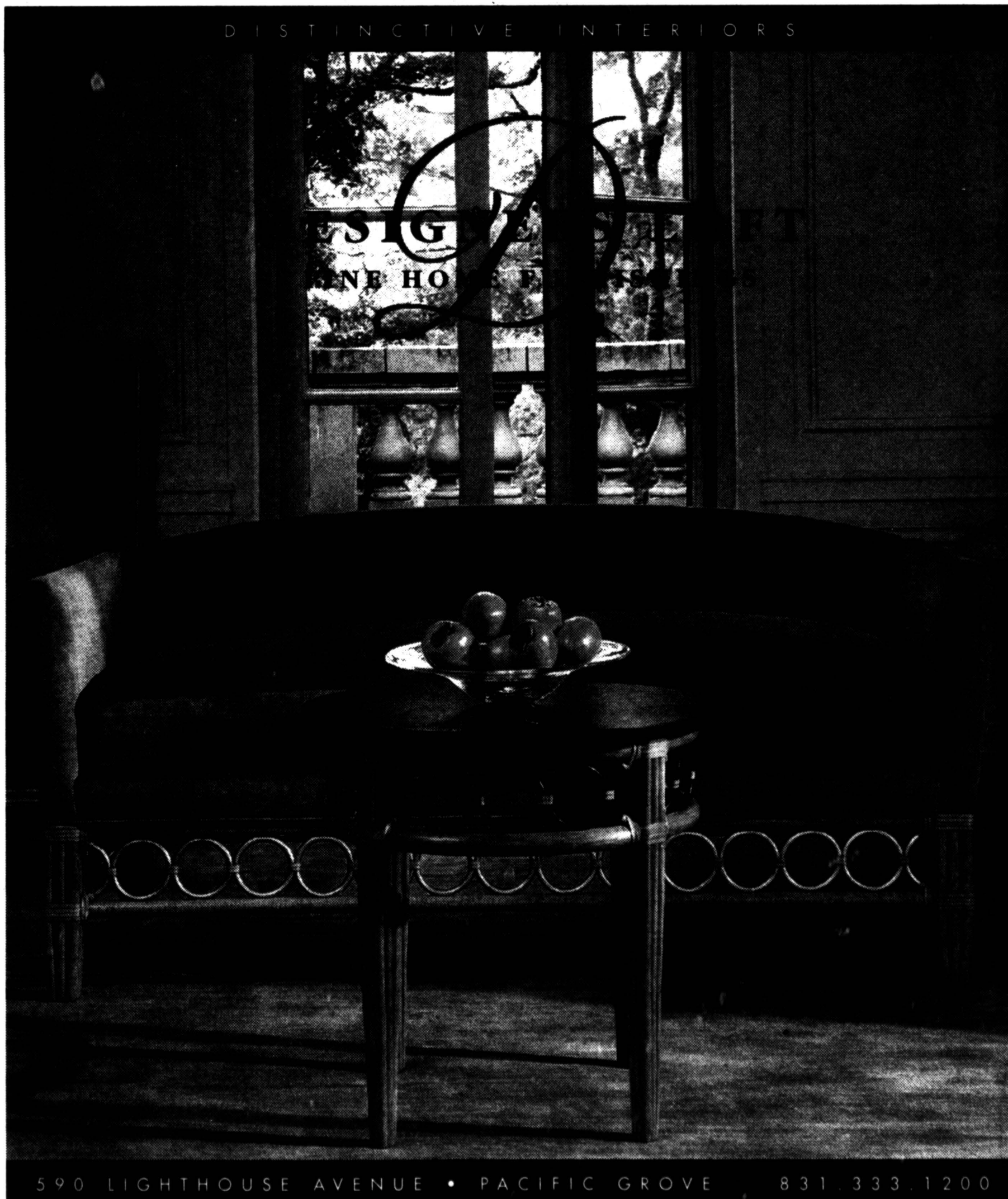


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A Champagne bottle has as much pressure as a bus tire — so don't try to lop its top

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

LITTLE DID Catherine Fallis know when she was studying hotel administration at Cornell University, or harvesting grapes in the vineyards of France, that she would one day be sabering off the top of Champagne bottles at prestigious Napa Valley events — and be one of only five women Master Sommeliers in the world.

In case readers are unfamiliar with the term and sport of wine sabering, it's opening a bottle of wine, sans corkscrew: A saber or chef's knife is used, instead — not for pulling, but for lopping.

Fallis, who operates her own wine consultancy out of Pacific Grove, related the history of wine sabering to The Pine Cone: "In Napoleon's time when soldiers were celebrating victory, they drew their sword and somehow managed to lop off the top of the bottle." Sabering continues to this day as a French tradition, she said. "It's generally a very clean separation of the lip and neck and cork as one component (see photo inset)."

Doesn't this render the knife unusable for kitchen purposes? No indeed, Fallis said, because, in the traditional manner, she uses the upper part of the knife neck, along the thick, blunt end.

This is very tricky and should not be attempted by those who haven't received expert instruction, Fallis warned. But when the technique is employed safely in the proper manner, a clean cut is achieved, with no chance of glass shards getting into the Champagne, bystanders or sword wielder.

"A 750 ml bottle of sparkling wine or Champagne has as much pressure as a bus tire — 90 pounds of pressure. That's why I don't encourage people to try it," Fallis said. She does train people, but they have to sign a waiver. "Sabering is simple but dangerous," Fallis warned.

Only last week Fallis did two sabering demos for students who attended her sparkling wine and Champagne workshops

at Copia, The American Center for Wine, Food & the Arts in Napa which has Robert Mondavi as its "visionary founder" and Julia Child and Hugh Johnson as founding members. Honorary trustees include Alice Waters, Martha Stewart and Wayne Thiebaud, among other luminaries of the food and wine industries.

As a sommelier consultant to restaurants, Fallis fine-tunes their wine programs. She can trouble shoot, or do a massive overhaul of the cellared wines — or she can work on specifics such as staff training to increase profitability. She suggests wine prices to phase out some wines she thinks shouldn't be on a list.

But first of all, she has to elicit a mission statement from the restaurateur, asking, "What are you all about?" Then she meets with the chef and learns his or her mission statement, takes a look at the customers coming in the door, and observes the staff. "The last thing I would probably do is look at the wine list," she said.

Servers who want to learn about wine make it easier for everyone, she feels.

"Most restaurants don't have the luxury of a sommelier," Fallis observed. "It's the server who suggests the wine. I can come in and energize the servers," she said.

But if a restaurant has a sommelier, the owner "has to have an equal appreciation of the sommelier and of the chef, giving them frequent meetings for wine pairings."

How do you get into a business like this? That's what Fallis wanted to know years ago while working at La Cirque, shucking oysters in the kitchen as an intern. "I saw a wine rep come in with a bag of wines, which he started tasting. I marveled, does that person make a living doing that?"

She soon found out by pestering Kevin Zraly of Windows of the World, who didn't take her calls for six months. When he finally gave in and spoke to her, he told her to enroll in this wine course and that wine course.

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Some surprising restaurant statistics

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

IT MAY surprise Pine Cone readers to learn that the restaurant industry is the largest employer in California, representing 918,400 jobs. The California Restaurant Association has 22 chapters and offices, one of which is in Monterey.

Restaurants produce \$39.6 billion sales annually and generate \$2.77 billion in sales tax for the State of California.

Peninsula restaurants number 302 in the aggregate and produce a sizable portion of Monterey County sales tax. Carmel has 83 restaurants, Big Sur has four, Carmel Valley 15, Monterey 101, Pacific Grove 43, Seaside 31, Marina 18, and Sand City two — exclusive of fast food chains.

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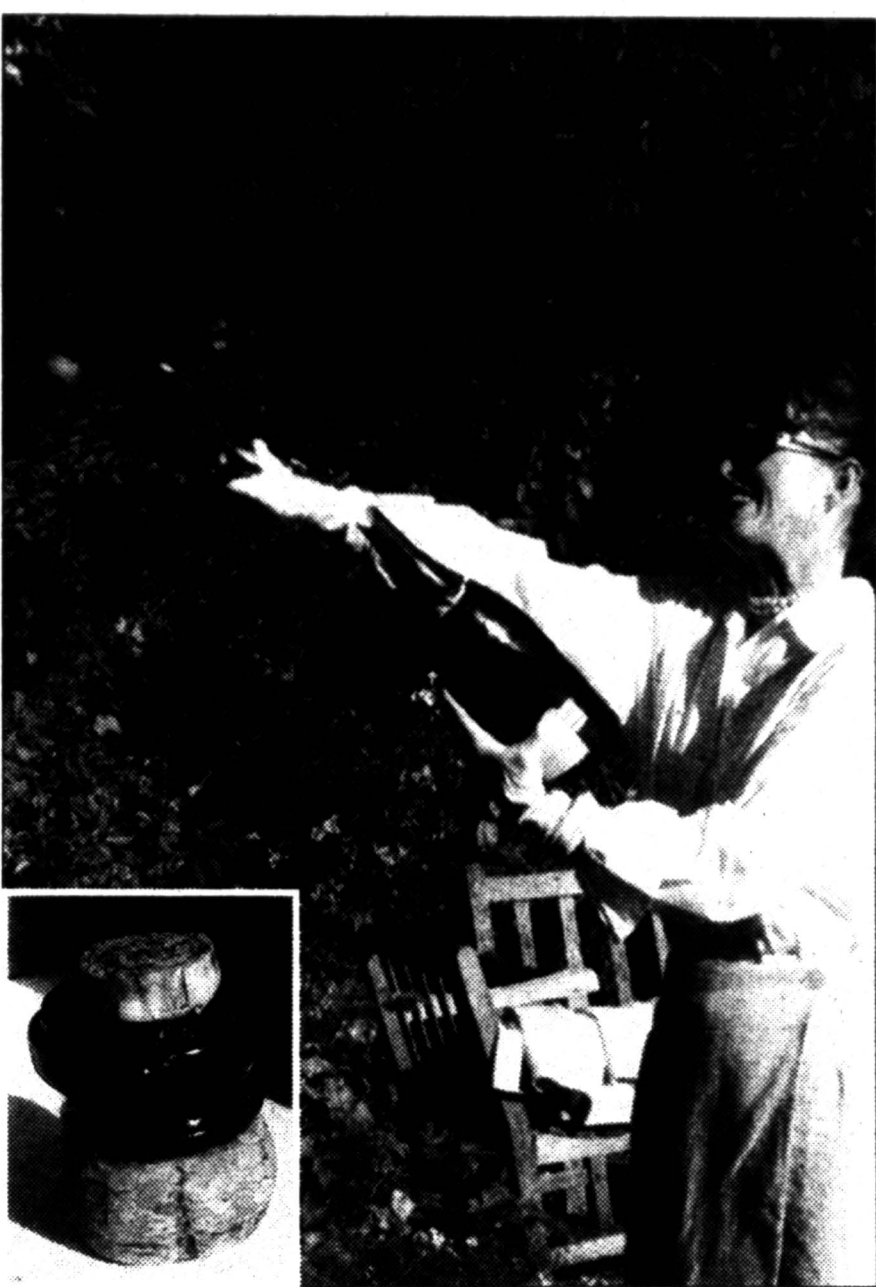
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Nothing makes a garden party more festive than having the sparkling wine bottle "saber" as your spellbound guests look on. Here Master Sommelier Catherine Fallis does just that, but using a chef's kitchen knife rather than a saber. The inset shows how cleanly the lip, cork and neck of the bottle are severed by an expert. Fallis warns novices not to try this without professional instruction.

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wine course. When he realized I wasn't going away, he invited me to become his wine class coordinator." Not satisfied with that, because she really wanted to become a sommelier, she countered with, "How about this: I'll work for you all week as a class coordinator Monday through Friday, and you let me be in the cellar on weekends."

It worked. Fallis became his very first class coordinator and sommelier.

"He was the best boss I ever had," Fallis said. "He was one of only a few men in my career to this day who has promoted women in a very open way." That's why Fallis became founder and president of PlanetGrape wine consultancy in Pacific Grove in January 2000.

Fallis has read so many wine books written by leaders in the wine industry, "I feel like a groupie," she said. "I've spent hours and hours with these people I revere so much. I've spent more time with their words than with family members."

Fallis's clients include Roy's at The Inn at Spanish Bay, Jardeniere and Cannery Wine Cellar in San Francisco, The Sardine Factory and Terranova Fine Wines in Monterey, Highlands Inn, Carmel, Pebble Beach Resorts, the Beverly Hills Hotel, 150 Grand Café in San Diego, Andre's French Restaurant, Las Vegas, and on and on.

Fallis presents numerous seminars a year, and recently did one on a sea cruise on "How to Taste Like the Pros." Her whole thrust is toward "knocking down walls of wine elitism and snobbery and bringing the joy of wine closer to the everyday consumer."

She would like Americans to drink and enjoy wine as Europeans do: "Wine is a condiment there," she said, "like salt." It's something you take with food.

Now Fallis is a second year Master of Wine candidate presented by the Masters of Wine based in the U.K. This involves all aspects of growing grapes — the vinification and the viticulture. She'll be finished in maybe 10 years. And she's in the process of developing a book and TV series that will feature an irreverent approach to good living. The target audience is the everyday person.

To find out more about PlanetGrape and Catherine Fallis, check out her website at www.PlanetGrape.com. To contact Fallis, call PlanetGrape at 643-0758.

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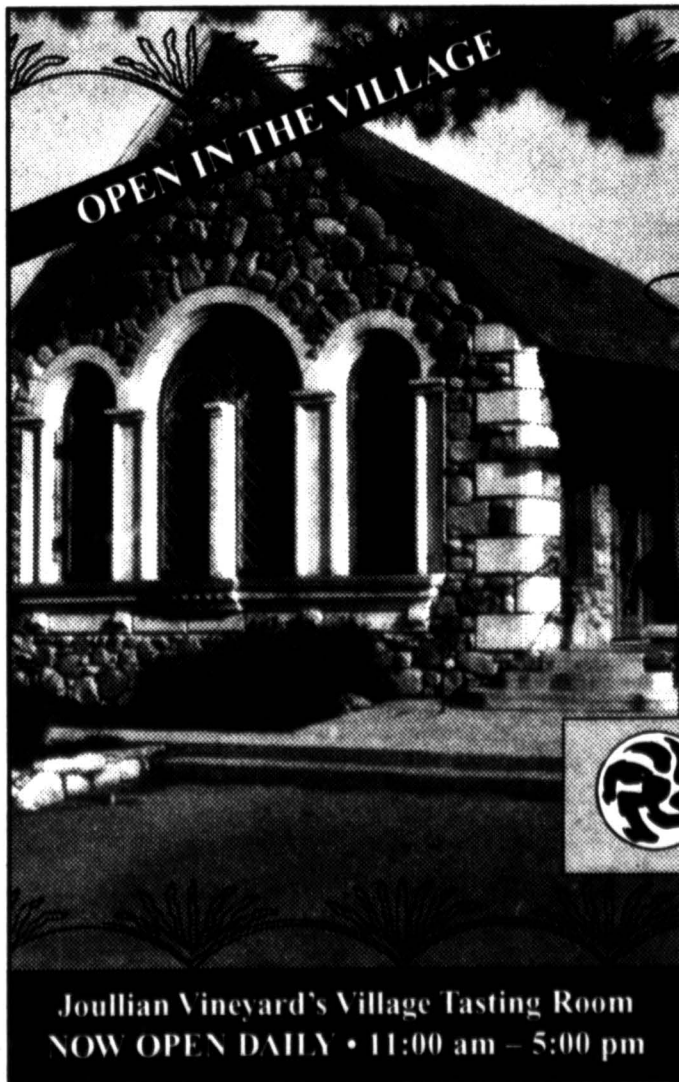
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DONATI

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analysis in conjunction with that demolition permit."

Fields also decided Sales and her group had not exhausted their administrative remedies in seeking an analysis of cumulative impacts because that issue was not part of the Donati application.

"Although arguments were made about the cumulative impact on the historic character of Carmel and the need for a program EIR, this was not the central issue before the city," he wrote. "The city made a determination as to the demolition permit for the Donati house, not as to whether a program EIR should be done in the context of other demolitions."

In fact, the city has already faced that issue through the program EIR it prepared for its proposed Historic Preservation Program, Fields said. That environmental document was certified by the Carmel City Council earlier this month when the Historic Preservation Program was included in the city's Local Coastal Program and submitted to the California Coastal Commission for approval.

Moot the issues

And Sales "concedes that the certification of such an EIR that 'adequately addresses cumulative impacts to the city's historic resources' would moot the issues in this case," Fields wrote.

Sales said she found Fields' interpretation of the arguments "irresponsible" but that she would likely let the matter rest and fight for Carmel's historic preservation through other legal channels.

"I'm very disappointed that he hasn't apparently read the material and doesn't seem to know how many times we've informed the city council of our feelings about this. Cumulative loss has been under discussion publicly and privately for months," she said. "He doesn't seem to have caught that. We could, of course, probably bring it back to the courts, but I think we won't."

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The camera loves Point Sur

■ *Historic light station attracts crew from National Geographic TV*

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FLASHING ALONE atop a huge rock attached to the shore by a narrow stretch of sand, the Point Sur Light Station is no longer used by ships to avoid central California's treacherous coast. Instead, it beckons to visitors from the land who reach the lighthouse via a tiny, winding road that clings to the mountainside. Even during a brief visit, it's easy to imagine the isolation and vulnerability of living in such a

station was more a blessing than a curse.

"This was wonderful because they had their wives up there and were not worried about getting into port," he said. "And the wives weren't lonely because they had a lot of work to do and didn't know what they were missing in the big cities — they were tending garden, doing laundry and raising the kids."

Mary Jane Hammerland lamented not performing better on camera for the program's editor and producer, Kim Ayers.

"After standing for five hours in the wind, rain and cold, it was pretty difficult to be terribly enthusiastic in responding to the questions they asked," she said. "But no matter what comes out, it will be good PR for the restoration."

Stopping the rust

For information on the work being done at Point Sur, the National Geographic crew turned to Carver, an architect with Carver+Schicketanz Architects in Carmel.

"They wanted to know why I was interested in the lighthouse," he said. "And I told them I just felt it was an extremely special landmark on the coast and one of the oldest buildings in Big Sur."

Carver sat on the founding board of Central Coast Lighthouse Keepers — the nonprofit created almost a decade ago to preserve and protect lighthouses in Big Sur, Pacific Grove and Santa Cruz — before resigning to become the restoration project's architect.

Describing the immense project, Carver said they "caught the lighthouse just in time," because maintenance of the property had come to a standstill, allowing rust to rampage and leaks to develop

in the lighthouse and surrounding buildings.

"So we basically took it all apart, replaced a lot of the rusted out pieces and replaced steel plates with copper," which stopped the deterioration and 90 percent of the leaking, according to Carver.

The next step for restoring the lighthouse entails removing all the lead paint and asbestos — work that would have been done first had the deterioration of the buildings not been so advanced — followed by repairing the failing foundation.

Two of the five buildings on the point — the barn and the blacksmith shop — have been restored, and a third should be done by the end of next year. Work will soon begin on two remaining structures with roofs and

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Architect Rob Carver deeply involved in efforts to restore the light station — stands inside the lantern of Point Sur.

remote place, especially during the brutal winter storms that pound the coast with wind and rain.

Those conditions greeted — and pleased — a National Geographic TV film crew that arrived at Point Sur Dec. 2 to shoot a segment for a program scheduled to air early next year.

"They got it on a good day to show how tough things could be up there," said Jack Hammerland, a volunteer at the lighthouse. "It was windy and rainy."

The crew visited Point Sur for several hours that Sunday, interviewing Hammerland and his wife, Mary Jane, architect Rob Carver and maintenance supervisor Gary Nelson about life at the light station and its ongoing renovation.

"They started asking about how we felt about the romantic side of Point Sur and the loneliness. That threw us because we were ready to give historic information," Jack Hammerland said.

Most of the men who ran the light station throughout the last century had endured long trips at sea far from friends and family, according to Hammerland, so assignment to the light

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SENIOR LIVING

Deputy Steve Sapiro hopes to head straight to the top

By MARY BROWNFIELD

FROM DOWN in the trenches among the Monterey County Sheriff's Department's hundreds of sworn officers and civilian personnel, deputy Steve Sapiro says he's in a unique position to know how the department should be run. Banking on that knowledge and his 13 years as a deputy in the corrections department, Sapiro decided to join the March 5 primary election for sheriff.

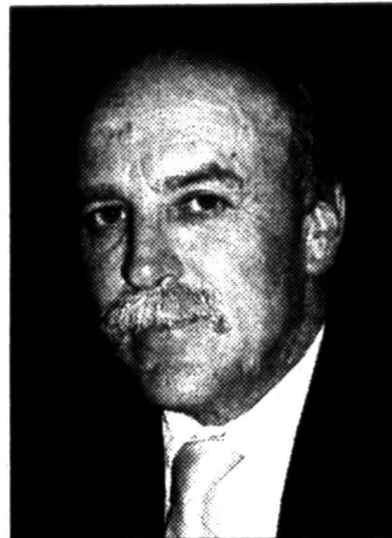
"I can only see change happening from the very top," he said. "That's probably the reason I haven't considered being a part of the administration all these years."

While some of the other candidates for sheriff carry the rank of commander or sergeant and boast 25 or 30 years of law enforcement experience, Sapiro has stayed on the front lines.

"I enjoy my work," said Sapiro, who holds an A.A. in criminology from City College of San Francisco and a B.A. and M.A. in criminal justice from Sacramento State. Married for more than 31 years to Maria Elena Sapiro and a father of four, he worked security for Sears for seven years, which eventually brought him and his family to Salinas. He also worked as a probation counselor in Monterey County Juvenile Hall.

From his position at the county jail, Sapiro said he sees the benefits of requiring new deputies to work at the jail before hitting the streets — a practice that some say deters people from joining the understaffed agency.

"I've probably met all the criminals in the county at one time or another," he said. "I've established a great rapport with the inmates — I've said that if the election were up to



Steve Sapiro

the inmates, I would have been sheriff yesterday."

Close knowledge of criminals — what they think and how they live — helps deputies on the street, according to Sapiro, which is why he'd like to see more overlap in the training regimens for corrections and patrol deputies.

He also sees potential solutions for the department's problem keeping officers: Hiring people with roots in Monterey County so they have more interest in the mission and effectiveness of the sheriff's department; also, pursuing options for affordable housing so that deputies and their families can live in the county they're charged with protecting and

serving.

"We have had drastic shortages, so the department hired people from academies outside our county," he said. "And because it was tough to get into law enforcement, they came here, got hired, got training — which we spent good money on — and then at the first opportunity they packed up and left."

Those occupying higher positions in the department's administration have not made changes that reach the rank and file, according to Sapiro, but instead focus on implementing superficial programs that serve as "window dressing for watchdog agencies."

"They have yet to make decisions that enhance the performance of the deputies at that level and help them to complete their tasks," he said. "They're showing they've established this program and that program just in order to look good to the public, as compared to helping the people who

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\$53,000 this week. The "indefatigable Jean Darragh" gave her tireless support to clear logistical obstacles. Monterey physician Charles Bates donated piles of samples and made a long list of other necessary medicines, including wide-spectrum antibiotics, antiseptics, syringes, and ophthalmic preparations. Long's Drugs in the Crossroads agreed to sell everything on the list to Conway at cost.

Raid on Costco

Then he "hit Costco with a vengeance" and cleaned out virtually all the children's pajamas, sleeping bags, socks, vitamins, toothbrushes, bar soap and underwear and piled the stuff high on six orange flatbed dollies. "I have two boys, so I don't know much about what little girls like, but we got 350 sweet little pink jump suits and panties," he related, bubbling and babbling with happiness and exhaustion.

"Costco gave us additional discounts and opened an entire check-out just for us, because we really had no time to spare. Then one lady looked over and noticed we had 65 sleeping bags. She said, 'I know what you're doing for the orphanage and I'd like to buy these sleeping bags for you.'"

"I don't even know her name," Conway said.

Other volunteers gathered "cases of Similac, growth hormones and emulsified protein from doctors because that's what we need for cases of malnutrition," he said. The orphanages in Kabul were raided of all their supplies, medicines and food by fleeing Taliban soldiers last month.

Free transport to Oregon

Early on December 19, Conway called trucking companies to wrangle a deal to transport the relief supplies to the Portland, Oregon, airport in time for the humanitarian flight to Afghanistan. On the ninth call, he hit the jackpot when manager Ted Garcia of Con-Way Western Express in Salinas agreed to cover the entire \$2,000 transport for free.

SAPIRO

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are actually doing the job."

Sapiro said he knows what it will take to solidify an agency that currently includes a majority of deputies with less than five years on the job while it is losing many experienced personnel to retirement, thanks to the county's generous retirement plan.

"The only way I see to make up for this lack of experience will be through a very strong training program, which will help the cohesiveness of the department," he said. "Other people say the foundation is breaking, but I don't see that. We still have great deputies employed and deputies are the foundation of our department."

"The only problem was, we had to get everything bought and packed in cartons by 5 p.m. for pick up, and it was already 8:45 a.m.!" Conway said.

The team managed to pack and label 69 cases, each about 75 pounds at Conway of Asia by the deadline. Indira Aslan noticed hand-knitted mukluks for sale at the shop, each hand-knit by Tibetan children at an orphanage in Nepal. When she decided to buy all 200 pairs and pack them in the boxes bound for Kabul orphans, she sowed a seed of how the recipients could become self sufficient by making something for sale in the U.S., Conway said.

When he arrives at the orphanage Dec. 29 — on board a free flight donated by Evergreen Aviation Humanitarian Relief and protected by security provided by the American Embassy in Kabul — he will begin spending the rest of the donated funds on infrastructure. "We need to fence a playground for safety, rebuild their well, replace all the broken windows and buy stoves and fuel," he said.

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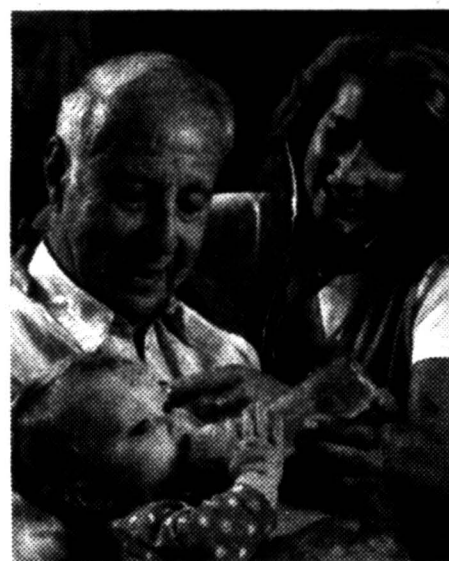
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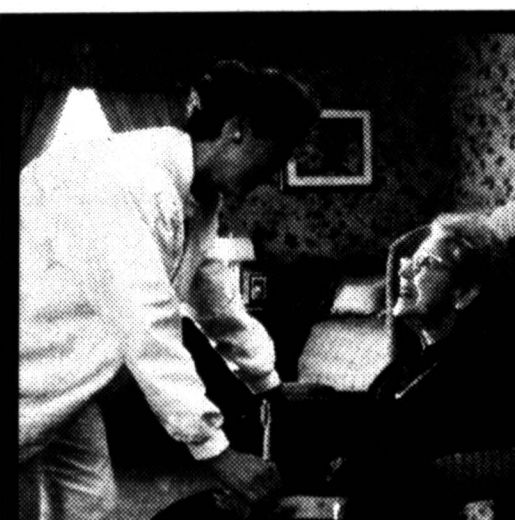
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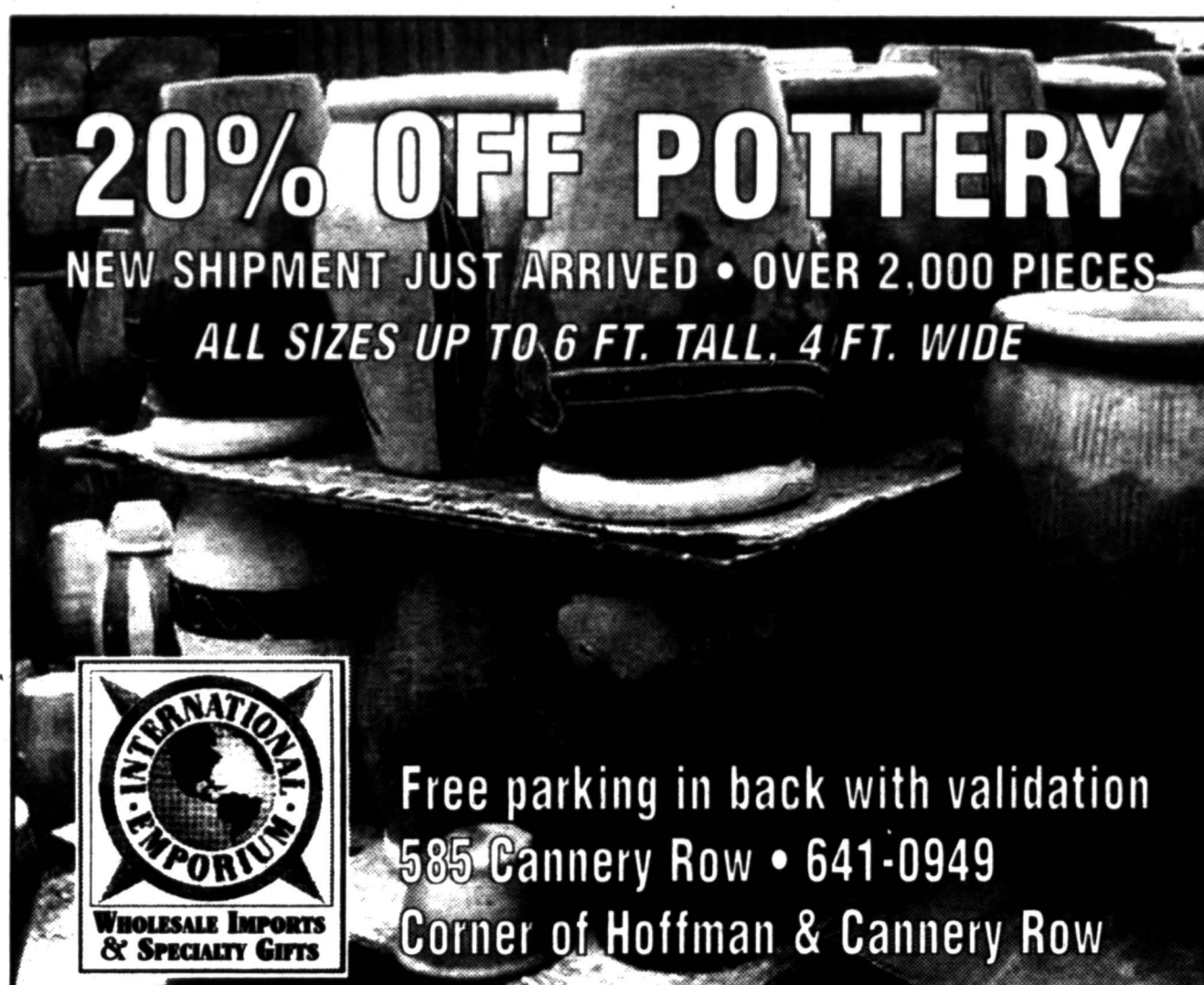
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Described as "service beyond the call of duty," Wright gathered more than 200 students who were distraught and confused by the horrific disaster and took them to the beach in Carmel for a gathering of understanding and prayer. As leader of the Kiwanis Key Club and assistant football coach, Wright used his considerable skills to help the students understand this moment in history, and how to deal with the fear and anguish of a country in peril.

"He really is a hero," said Pete Trivers,

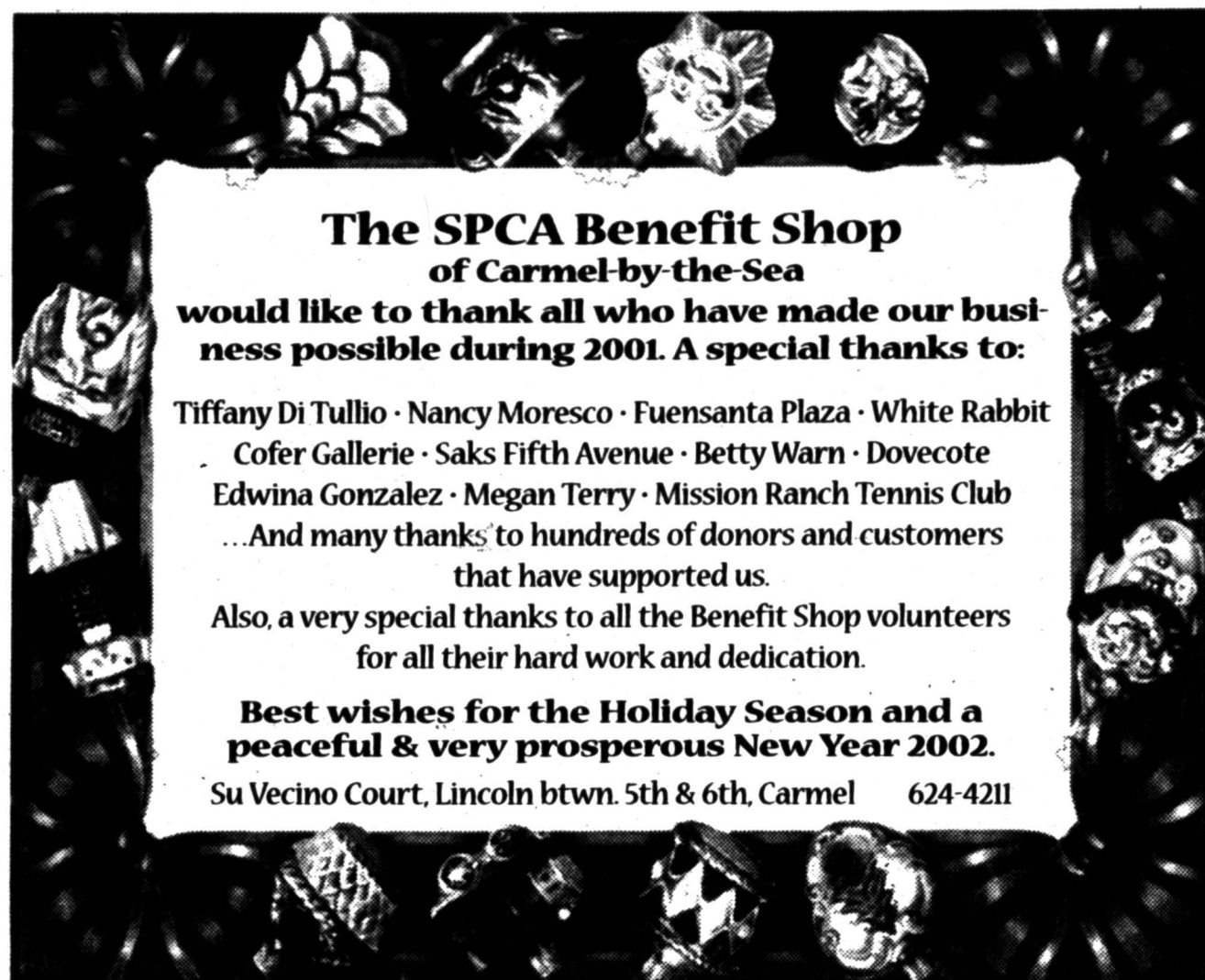
Kiwanis Key Club advisor. "We're very proud of him."

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er former lover, San Francisco-based flight attendant Anne Marie Smith, of asking her to sign a sworn statement denying their affair.

With his credibility in tatters after an August interview with ABC's Connie Chung, Condit faces a tough challenge from state Assemblyman Dennis Cardoza in the March 2 primary. Either candidate will probably have a difficult time holding on to the seat — which is in a district rich with Republican voters — in the November general election.



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LAGOON

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Crews made a cut at the south end of the lagoon in the early morning hours to lower the level and relieve the pressure without completely draining the lagoon.

But heavy tides closed that opening and around midday Dec. 3, crews made a straight cut to the sea, draining most of the water from the lagoon.

Some fish may have survived, Urquhart said, but "the majority of those fish would not have been ready to go to sea and probably would have died if released to the ocean."

Fish and game wasn't on scene during the second breach, because Urquhart missed the call the county placed to advise him another cut would be made. Had he been there, he would have asked them to re-breach in same spot to the south.

"They did it in their normal manner: A very large cut straight out, so it completely evacuated the lagoon," he said. "And that does not simulate what would have happened naturally."

A survey completed after the breach by consultant Jeff Hagar showed few fish in the lagoon's remaining water, according to Urquhart. Many were likely eaten by predatory birds while others were stranded in shallow waters on the outskirts of the lagoon.

But draining the lagoon doesn't just affect the steelhead, according to Roy Thomas of the Carmel River Steelhead Association.

"When they flush it all to the ocean, they have set back the usefulness of that environment three or four months," he said. "It's extremely damaging to the creatures that need to use it."

Still no permits

Like last year, the county conducted the breach without the necessary permits from fish and game, the Army Corps of Engineers and the California Coastal Commission.

"Since the county has not done an EIR on this activity, we cannot grant them a permit," Urquhart explained. "We've been telling them for over two years to get moving on the

environmental process, to get the permits in place to make the breaching lawful."

In order to acquire its permits, the county must undertake environmental review and biological assessments of the process — work the county water resources agency has said is in progress.

The county submitted its biological assessment to the National Marine Fisheries Service. NMFS responded that the county's work is inadequate, but has yet to deliver a more detailed analysis of the document.

"We thought it was limited in scope and didn't take in all of the impacts the breaching might have," said NMFS biologist John McKeon. "We're still in the process of finalizing our comments."

The county also has to submit environmental documents for CEQA review but has yet to do so, according to Urquhart.

Homeowners need protection, too

Urquhart and Thomas said they did not wish to downplay the troubles and high flood risks faced by residents in the dozen homes built closest to the lagoon.

"We of the association are local people and we understand the difficulties when houses are built in the low spot," Thomas said. "If you don't breach the sand bar and lower the water levels, they will flood. We realize that's something that has to be done, it's just how and when."

And the environmental review process for the federal and state permits should help answer that question, Urquhart said. "It will have to look at many, many solutions — environmental, biological, engineering — to find what mix of approaches provides flood control but minimizes the environmental impacts, because right now the only thing taking the hit is the environment."

The county has maintained the only effective way to open the lagoon without flooding houses is to bulldoze straight to the ocean, according to Urquhart. Environmentalists prefer an angular cut at high tide to allow the lagoon to

drain slowly.

"The water resources agency and the county believe that's 100 percent not possible," he said. "They have their experience and opinions, but that's all they have. They don't have documentation."

Although fish and game could punish the county for breaching without a permit, it chose not to since the water resources agency has hired consultants and invested in the process.

"That kind of fisheries monitoring had not ever been done before," he said, and submitting the biological assessment — though it's been deemed inadequate — also counts.

"That is far more progress than the prior two years, so we're willing to wait another year," Urquhart said. "But we don't want to be in this regulatory dilemma next November, nor should we have to be. If everyone proceeds in good faith, there should be environmental documents that will allow us to move forward."



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Young actors stage mature production

By ANNE PAPINEAU

LATE NIGHT rehearsals fueled by youth and Red Bull sodas will culminate in a group of teens and 20-somethings bringing Jean Genet's "The Maids" to the stage of Pacific Repertory's Circle Theatre. In one curious turn among many, the title roles in the play are claimed by two young local actors — both male.

It's all the brainchild of Carmel High alumnus and Harvard University undergraduate Austin Guest, who conceived of "The Maids" as the closing effort in his six-month "In the Wings" internship with PacRep. Guest took a one-year leave of absence from Harvard to further hone theater skills he acquired as a three-year student of John Farmanesh-Bocca's Performing Arts Conservatory of Carmel.

Working with PacRep Artistic Director Stephen Moorer and Managing Director Geoffrey Shlaes, Guest labored in marketing, fundraising, sales and technical coordination. It's his dream to launch a theater company, Leave Co., after graduation, and "The Maids" is a steppingstone in that direction.

"We've only been rehearsing about three and a half weeks, which is a relatively short time," Guest told The Pine Cone. With this weekend (Dec. 21-23) unclaimed for any shows in the Circle Theatre, Guest assembled a two-page proposal complete with budget and projected attendance figures. Moorer and Shlaes agreed that PacRep would supply free space and marketing support in exchange for splitting the box office returns.



Vincent Cardinale (left) has worked 12 hour daily stints in his family's Carmel Christmas tree lot while finding time to rehearse with Austin Guest (right) to play title roles in "The Maids."

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"There was a slot open at PacRep, so I talked to Geoff and Stephen, and we pulled it together quickly," Guest explained.

Directing "The Maids" is Miriam Wolodarski, 17, a Guest cohort who hopes to join Leave Co. after she graduates from New York University.

It was Wolodarski who chose to cast Guest and Leave Co. actor and Monterey High graduate Vincent Cardinale as "The Maids," in an effort to highlight the illusory nature of sexual identity.

Winter wonderland

Cardinale is familiar to local audiences in his PacRep roles as Puck in last summer's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Outdoor Forest Theater and Riff in the spring staging of "West Side Story."

And he might also be familiar to anyone who bought a tree at the Del Monte Christmas tree lot adjacent to The Crossroads.

"Vinnie is working at his father's tree lot from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.," said Guest. "We run lines in the middle of the winter wonderland. I bring him dinner and we start rehearsing at 9 p.m. and then go to 1 or 2 every morning. We don't seem to get tired. It's like hanging out with family."

Cardinale is preparing to move to New York to study at the Movement Research Institute. That certainly seems like an apt choice, for "Maids" director Wolodarski said Cardinale "possesses a 'Gumby-like' physical virtuosity that makes him a natural for the abandoned emotional acrobatics of Genet's absurdist fantasia."

The third role in this "fantasia" is "Madame," played by 15-year-old Santa Catalina student Anna Greenfield.

The age of the actors is in fact the suggested minimum for audiences of "The Maids." This is not kiddie stuff. Rather, "It's intense," Guest observed.

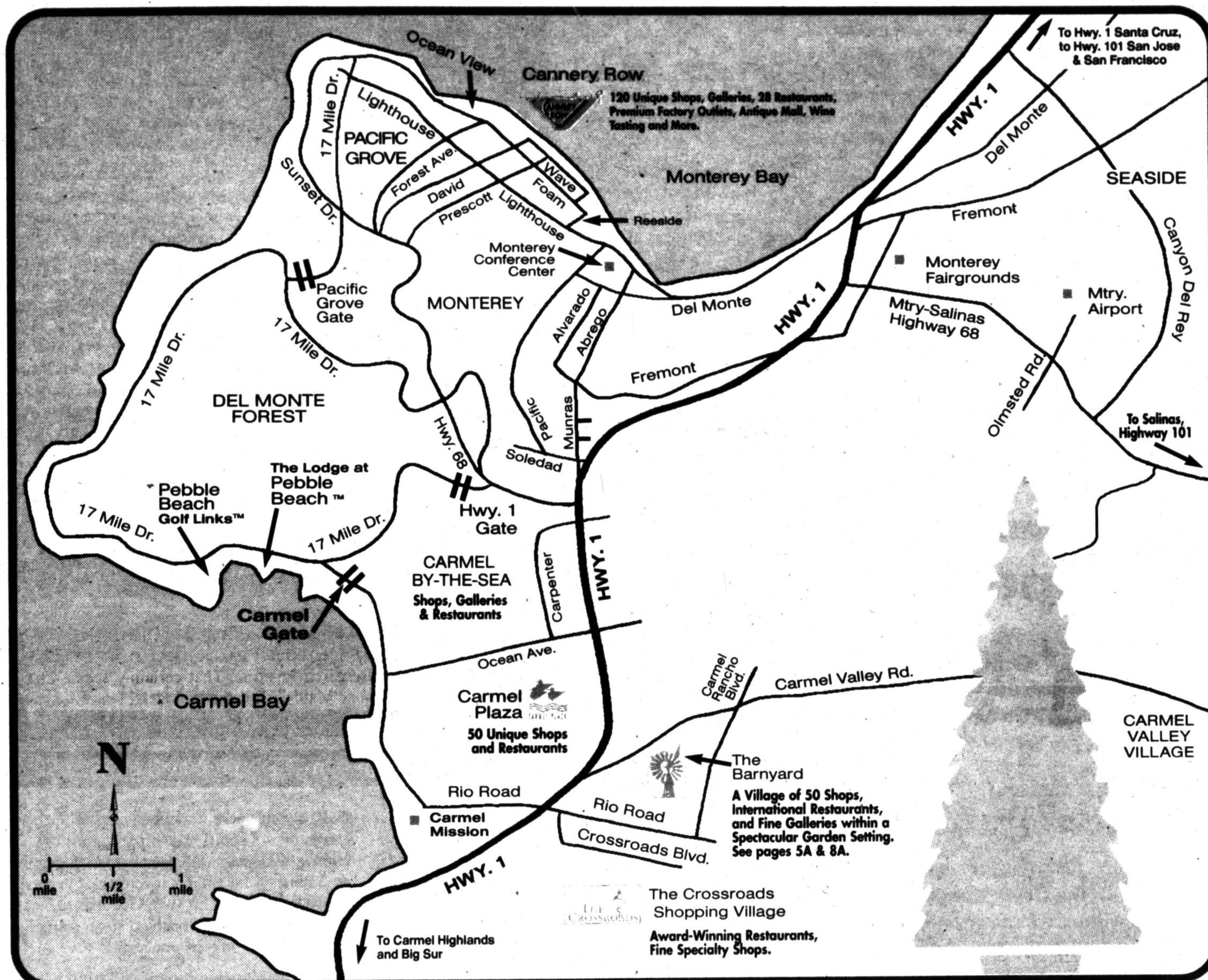
■ Curtain for "The Maids" is at 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 21-23. Matinees will also be staged at 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are \$8. The Circle Theatre of the Golden Bough is on Casanova at Eighth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. Reservations: 622-0100.

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"Put in the Bench," a new CD from This & That (above) will be the subject of a CD release party on Sunday, Dec. 23 at Hidden Valley theater in Carmel Valley Village. Doors open at 5 p.m. with refreshments provided by Casanova. The music is slated to begin at 6 p.m. The Sandals will also be in attendance, performing music from the classic surf film, "The Endless Summer." Tickets are available at Do Re Mi music or at the door. Admission is \$10 adults/\$5 students. Info: 625-6731.

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THE CARMEL Public Library Foundation and the Big Sur Arts Initiative held a reception at Carmel's Park Branch library featuring the artistic talents of the Chappellet family, particularly those of Sybil Chappellet. These will be on display at the Big Sur Arts Center through Jan. 31 . . . Guests included Maggie Eastwood, Charlotte Fergusson, Lacy Buck, Marion Robotti, Anna Beck, councilwoman Barbara Livingston, Carolyn Samson and, of course, Big Sur Arts' Erin Gaffill. Jay

Irvine and Elizabeth Castle also made rare appearances.

■ Architects honor a star of their own

The American Institute of Architects' Holiday Party, this year held at the Beach and Tennis Club, is made even more special by their annual Robert Stanton Award Presentation, in honor of the late architect . . . This turned out to be Dan Fletcher's big night, not surprising, given the body of work

Don and Lois Mayol were thrilled that their architect, Dan Fletcher, won the Stanton Design Award of the American Institute of Architects' local chapter.



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working on "bigger and better parties" — tongue in cheek, of course . . . Erl Lagerholm chatted with Brock & Mary Lippitt — "talking whisky!" . . . Realtor Carla Belgrano Ramsey was telling Sarah Berling and Judy Lyle: "It's certainly a great time for buyers now, though in the 20 years I've been working, I've never seen a market like the one that just ended" . . . Lillian Hazdovac reportedly likes to drive and spy on daughters Pat & Paula. At least, that's what Pat said, fighting back a smile . . . Warren Neidenberg, who has become a full-fledged community member, is an L.A. native, and has now been here six years — a veritable babe in these woods . . . Others seen there were Betty Chaffers, Renate Wunsch and Pam Klaumann.



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All tickets are \$5 at the door, with no sales in advance. "White Christmas" will be shown at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the theater located on Monte Verde between Eighth and Ninth. For information about this or future "Films by the Sea," call 622-0100.

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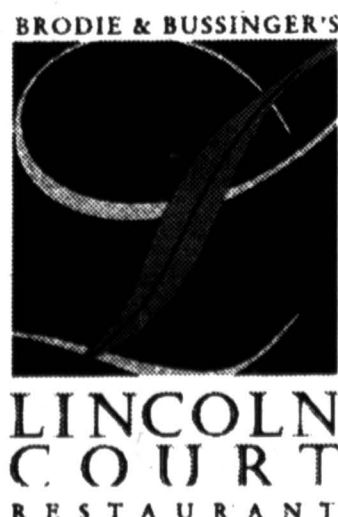
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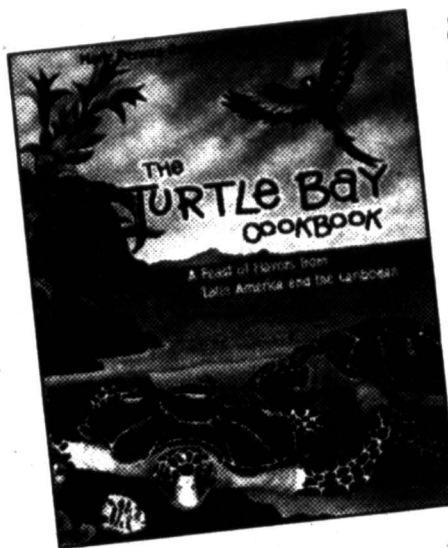
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How often do you meet restaurateurs dedicated wholeheartedly to ecology and saving the planet as well as turning out Gulf Port seafood gumbo, Flamingo Bay shrimp cakes or Barracuda Cheumal? Chef Julio Ramirez does just that. What other cookbook intersperses its recipe chapters with little essays on toucans, tapirs, sea turtles, crocodiles, sloths, spider monkeys and tree frogs?

Recipes in "The Turtle Bay Cookbook" are divided into chapters on fresh salsas, condiments and spices; sauces, marinades and butters; appetizers; soups, chowders and gum-bos; sides and salads; entrées; and desserts. This is one fascinating cookbook.

But that's not all. The fundamentals of making chicken stock, roux and crème fraîche are explained, and a review of cooking techniques covers frying, sautéing, broiling, roasting, barbecuing, vegetable cooking and cooking times for fish.

Things change in this world, and cooking methods are right up there with fashions and car design. Do you blanch your green vegetables before integrating them into a recipe? Do you use cooking bags for roasting meats and poultry? Do you wait until the meat is almost done on the barbecue before adding the sauce? Chef Ramirez does, and he'll tell you how and why. It is he who has developed the recipes in the book — many of them capture or employ the flavors, fresh fruits and tangy salsas of American tropics, but done with California style and technique.

The cookbook is as exuberant and colorful as a Carmen Miranda dance and the recipes as tasty as her fruit-stacked turban. What a joyful Christmas present it will make. It boasts endorsements by such luminaries as the Eastwoods, Leon Panetta and Bert Cutino.

Published by WriteHand Press, the 292-page cookbook retails for \$14.95 at The Fishwife and Turtle Bay restaurants, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, Borders, Monterey Vintage, the Bountiful Basket, the Garlic Shoppe, Bay Books, Thunderbird Bookshop, Culinary Center of Monterey, and Parsley, Sage & Thyme. Proceeds from the cookbook help fund the New Millennium Scholarship for Monterey Peninsula students. To order by phone, call 375-7108.

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MANY READERS knew the late Don Marsh, a poet who wrote a novel, "The Stone Humpers," published by Delacorte, and two collections of poems, "The Clouds of Magellan" and

"An Ice Cream Communion." He sent out weekly cyberpoetry to a global audience of several hundred people. There will be a free reading of Don Marsh's poetry, "Magic Everywhere," from 7 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 27 at the Thunderbird Bookshop, The Barnyard, Carmel. Reading the poems will be Jennifer Lagier, Nat Friday, Bill Minor, Susan McDonald, Katherine Stark and Don Mathews. Poet Elliot Roberts will read Marsh's poem, "Amen."

Marsh was instrumental in establishing a poetry reading series at the Portofino Café in Pacific Grove, served as host for readings sponsored by the National Writers Union at the Thunderbird, and was a judge and coordinator of the bookshop's annual poetry contest. For information, call 624-1803.

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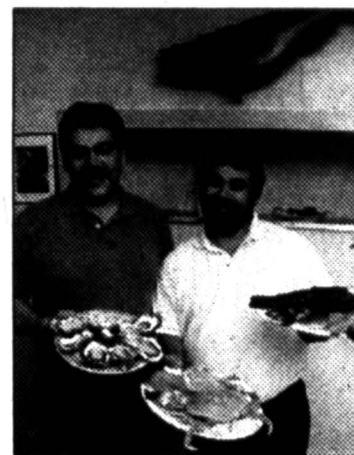
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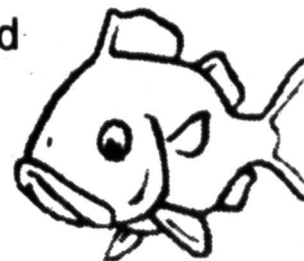
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Editorial

'Majoring in minors'

ONE OF Carmel's humblest dwellings — the tiny Pressley house on Second Avenue, which was pretty much demolished when a tree fell on it six years ago — achieved a proud distinction last week. It was the object of what may be the California Coastal Commission's most outrageous permit denial in the entire history of that powerful body.

The rejected permit, which would have allowed expansion of a 392-square-foot cottage to a 1,196-square-foot home, will also be one of the easiest to challenge in court, which is where the Pressleys are surely headed.

The permit denial by the coastal commission, handed down last week in San Francisco, was ostensibly based on the conclusion by the commission's staff that the Pressley's entire neighborhood is "Environmentally Sensitive Habitat," or ESHA. This designation triggers special restrictions under the California Coastal Act, limiting development on the affected property to "coastal dependent uses" — namely, things which cannot feasibly be located away from the coast. Things like ports, oil-tanker pumping stations, and nuclear power plants but, alas, not homes.

Never mind that the Pressley cottage is located more than a quarter-mile from the coast. Never mind that it is located in a built-out, incorporated city. Never mind that the Pressley's property contains not a single specimen of an endangered plant or animal. It is ESHA, darn it, so no permit will be bestowed.

Several commissioners, in particular Cynthia McClain-Hill and the Peninsula's own Dave Potter, showed appropriate common sense in voting to OK the Pressley's project. Both expressed the desire that the commission fight the big fights and leave minuscule building projects to local planning commissions. "We shouldn't be majoring in minors," McClain-Hill said.

But their protests were ignored, leaving the Pressley's attorney, Tony Lombardo, in the enviable position of heading into court with a battle he'll undoubtedly win.

After all, the same thing happened at Otter Cove last year.

There, a family was told by the coastal commission they couldn't expand their home, even though the house was much smaller than average for the neighborhood and smaller than numerous other new ones approved by the commission itself.

In that case, a San Francisco judge chided the coastal commission for discriminating against existing homes. The commission, the judge said, interpreted coastal rules in a way that led to a "perverse result."

That's a polite phrase for what has happened to the Pressleys. Fairness requires that they get relief from a court as soon as possible, along with adequate compensation for having to go through so much to achieve so little.

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Winery 'enriches' neighborhood

Dear Editor:

Carmel Valley is a lovely rural community. Your Dec. 7 article, "Neighbor sues micro-winery," needs further amplification to clarify the issues at hand. The allegation that the Lotz's property has been diminished because of the microwinery is pure fabrication unsubstantiated by any facts. Property values in the area have not lost value in the past three years but escalated in price. The

vineyard and winery is seen as an enhancement and asset by most of its neighbors. As for the concern related to spring burns: We are the neighbor immediately above the Joyce property and have never witnessed burns that "cause excessive smoking and air pollution." Most neighbors burn cuttings and leaves, an activity allowed by the fire district.

Regarding people coming and going on the property: Most are neighborhood children who play on the trampoline and enrich the area with laughter.

We like our neighborhood and truly believe the Joyce family activities, including winery and vineyard, enhance our beautiful community. Carmel Valley is a rural area and has been designated a separate wine appellation area. Chateau Christina is in keeping with the rural nature and unique character of Carmel Valley. The Joyces should be allowed to continue their operation and ensure compliance with the conditions of its county permit. The lawsuit described in your paper has all the earmarks of being vindictive and a nuisance one. Fine wines add to the area enrichment and certainly do NOT detract from the well-being of its residents.

Joan and Fred Carvell,
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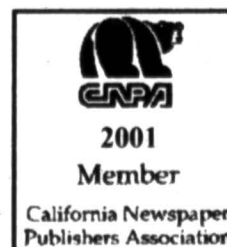
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By PAUL MILLER

A SEVERE hail storm hit Carmel and the entire Monterey Peninsula at lunchtime Thursday, icing roads and presenting unexpected challenges to motorists and pedestrians.

"The hail was so bad, even with your wipers on high speed, you couldn't see," said police officer Mike Calhoun. He was out on patrol with the new chief, George Rawson, when the storm hit.

"The chief was asking, 'Is it always like this?' He said it reminded him of Tahoe," Calhoun said.

No accidents resulting from the storm were reported in the Carmel area. But on Serra Avenue — where cars coming off Highway 1 have to reduce their speed sharply on a steep hill leading to the Junipero Serra statue — several cars fishtailed briefly as they lost traction on the ice-covered pavement.

According to Robert Renard, local observer for the National Weather Service, Thursday's storm brought the most severe hail in his 49 years of record keeping.

"I measured hailstones nine sixteenths of an inch in diameter," he said, "and it accumulated in some places more than an inch deep."

The big storm brought the month's rainfall to 4.06 inches — well above the average December total of 2.92 inches. Rainfall for the year is also above average for the seventh

year in a row.

Where was Renard when the storm moved onshore? "I was at the Naval Postgraduate School meteorology department's Christmas party," Renard said. "You couldn't ask for better timing, because the first lightning strike hit and the hail started coming down just as the party was beginning."

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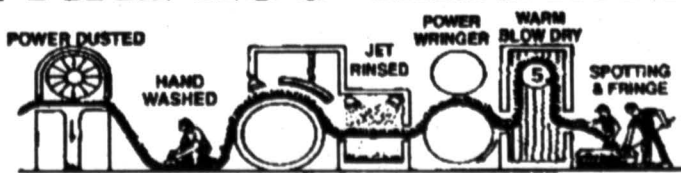
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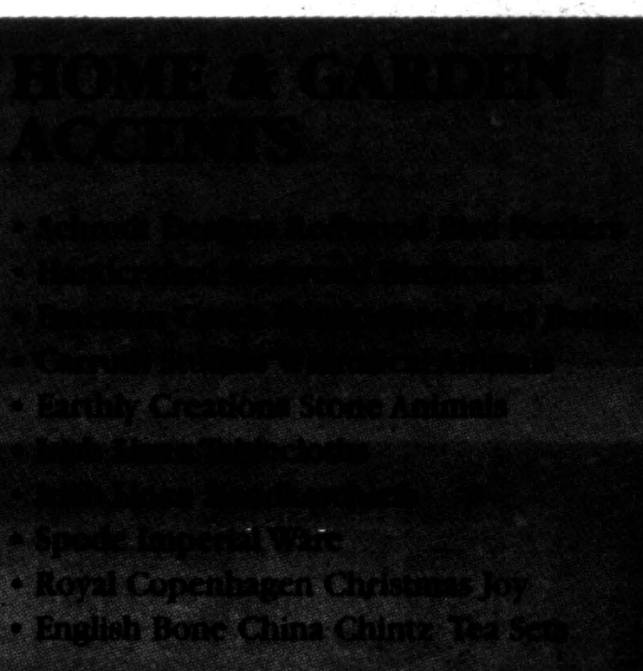
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While Jackie sniffed at the baubles, she didn't steal or eat any, having only the day before annihilated a Frosty the Snowman stuffed toy ornament swiped from the family tree.

Jackie, a brindled Bouvier des Flandres, goes everywhere with Mom Kirstie and has her very own sand-absorbing shearling seat cover in the family van. She is a graduate of both puppy school and later of juvenile delinquent continuation school. At continuation, she learned beach doggie etiquette so that her natural exuberance doesn't bowl anyone over, and how to come to Mom or Dad Paul when called – even while roughhousing with furry friends at water's edge. But she was never instructed to avoid eating bait on a fisherman's hook. Her doctor later gave her an edifying lecture on the matter, which she seems to have taken to heart.

Jackie's favorite time at home is when she's playing a game of Doggie Den Duvet with her brother and sister, Eli, 10, and Hannah, 12. Opting out of this family fun is Brother Casey, 15, who is not enamored with 50-lbs. of fur lying on top of him.

The one room off-limits to exuberant Jackie is the boys' room, which, not so coincidentally, is the cat's sanctuary. Spicy Peanut, Jackie's elder sister, is a non-folded Scottish fold cat who enters the inner sanctum via a cat door through which only Jackie's nose fits. No fool Spicy.



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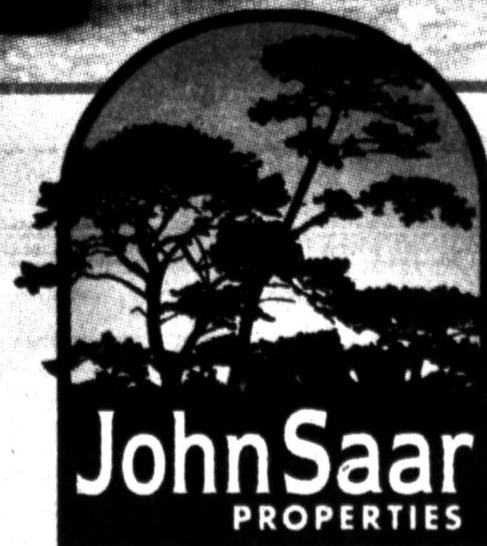
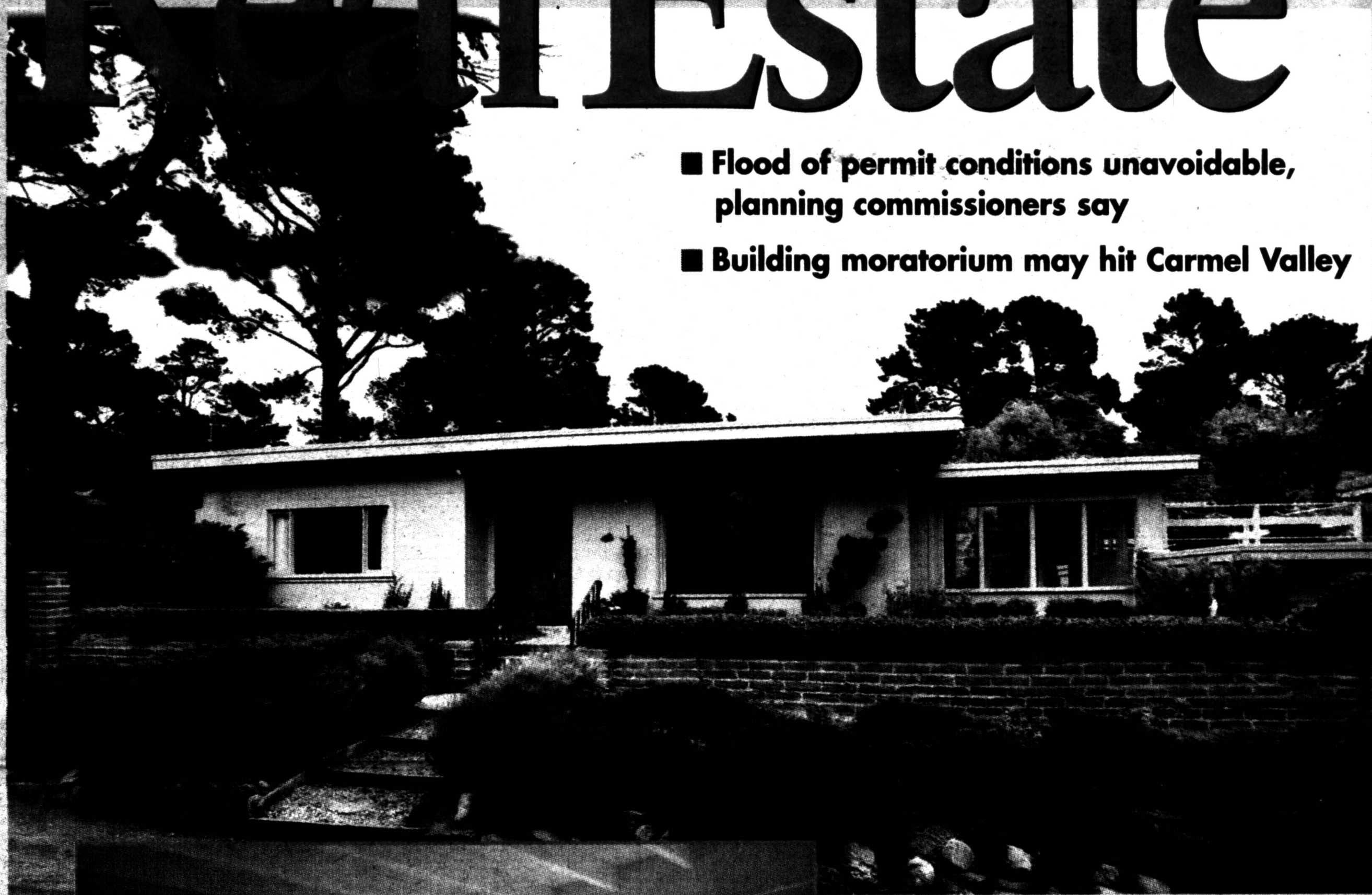
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■ Flood of permit conditions unavoidable, planning commissioners say

■ Building moratorium may hit Carmel Valley



■ This week's cover home presented by
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Architecturally Pure

This clean-lined California beach house is architecturally pure with, high beam ceilings, hardwood floors and original built-ins. Expansive ambience is created by the lot's special character. It sits up high. It has beneficial and unique dimensions, and is situated on a corner in a prime golden rectangle location. This outgoing beach house has three bedrooms, two baths, a sought-after single story, an open kitchen, and a large living room with central fireplace. A delightful sunroom is adjacent to a private, flower-filled brick patio with a filtered ocean view observation deck.

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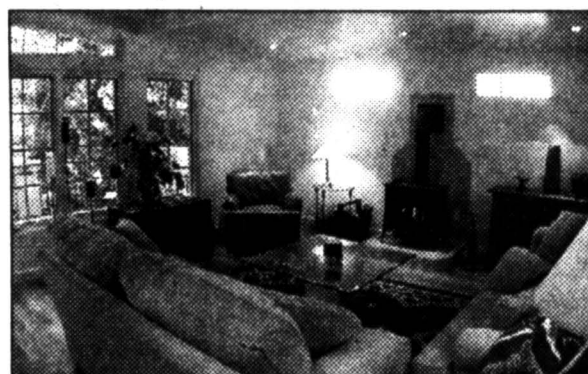
"Carmel Legends"

Everybody knows that Del Monte is the oldest golf course west of the Mississippi, actually dating from 1897. But can you guess the second oldest in this area? Pebble Beach? Cypress Point? No, that honor belongs to the CARMEL GOLF CLUB, a nine hole links measuring 2112 yards, spread over the dunes of Carmel Point. Its club house stood on a rise at what is now 14th Ave. and San Antonio, and it is still there! It's a small, shingled building, now used as a guest house by descendants of the founders, Philip and Laura Wilson. The course was opened a hole at a time in 1912, and the first official meeting was held Nov. 20 of that year at the Pine Inn. Memberships were \$20 a year, green fees 50¢ a day. The land was owned by the Carmel Development Company, which assured the Club by written contract that it "would not be sold in lots or otherwise till after the year 1915." Among the members was Dr. Clappett, which brings us up to date. The Club expired around 1920, and today nearly 300 houses stand on its abandoned fairways. Think what might have been!

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CARMEL VALLEY—A FABULOUS home, on an oak-studded one and one-half acre parcel, bathed in sunshine all day long, with views of the Valley and Rancho San Carlos. Located on a quiet, little known cul-de-sac off Brookdale, this four bedroom, two bath home, with whitewashed wood floors and big windows and skylights everywhere, is light and bright throughout. Casual elegance abounds. This one won't last!

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CARMEL—Magnificent sunsets and a peak of the ocean are yours from this contemporary two bedroom, two bath home. The home is freshly refurbished with gleaming hardwood floors, all new stainless steel appliance in the kitchen, painted interior/exterior and fresh landscaping. The highly desirable south of Ocean Avenue location offers a delightful walk to town and short distance to Carmel Beach

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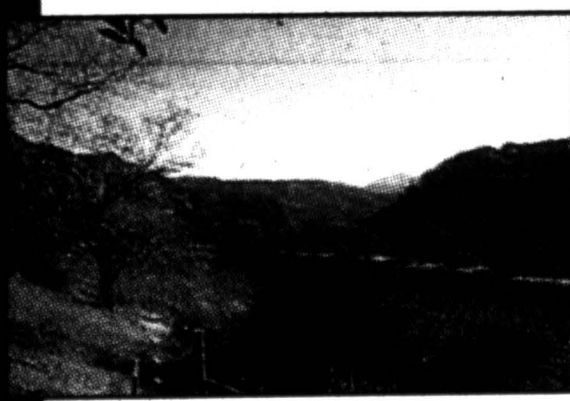
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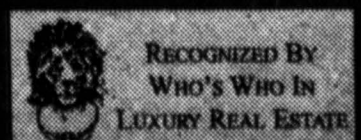
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Avalanche of permit conditions unavoidable, commissioners say

By TAMARA GRIPPI

SOME MONTEREY County Planning Commissioners last week took issue with the idea that development projects in the county are burdened with too many conditions. Commissioners spoke out at a Dec. 12 meeting when they reviewed the most recent results of an ongoing audit of how 20 major projects comply with county requirements.

"We're going to have to have conditions and we're going to have to accept that fact," said commissioner Robert Hernandez, who pointed out that sometimes the vast majority of conditions don't come from the planning department, but from other agencies, including fire departments, environmental health and fish and game.

The commission listened to testimony from a parade of residents and attorneys claiming that developments in their neighborhoods have ignored numerous conditions required by the county. Several representatives of the developers also attended the meeting and presented the commission with documentation showing that their projects have actually complied with county conditions.

At the meeting, the planning commission reviewed audits of 20 major development

projects in the county showing that the county has been unable to verify a substantial number of conditions imposed on them.

The audits were commissioned as part of the settlement of a lawsuit filed by Monterey activist Ed Leeper, who charged the county with violating the California Environmental Quality Act by not enforcing the conditions required to reduce projects' environmental impacts.

"You have a pretty good idea of why people are so upset in Monterey County," said Pat Bernardi. "We have seen promise after promise of project conditions that never happened. If a project can't win approval without dozens of conditions then it shouldn't be built."

But attorney Derinda Messenger, representing Cañada Woods North, told the commission her clients have fully complied with their conditions and presented county staff with documentation that the requirements had been satisfied.

"Many of the conditions are reiterations of statutes and county codes," Messenger pointed out. "On Cañada Woods North, 80 to 100 conditions are simply from the fire codes."

Leeper's attorney, Richard Rosenthal, told the commission the audits are a good

first step, but he argued that much more needs to be done to ensure that developments are following county requirements.

"How do we make sure this problem is not recreated in the future?" Rosenthal asked. "We should be addressing the department procedures adopted by the board."

Several people at the meeting pointed to the staff shortage and high turnaround at the planning department as chronic problems making it difficult to keep tabs on projects.

Commissioner John Brennan argued that

there is enough funding to provide necessary enforcement of project conditions, if the county has the will to follow through.

Planning director Scott Hennessy told the commission the county has already hired a manager to supervise the mitigation monitoring team.

In addition, Hennessy said the county is in the process of hiring employees to run a new record-keeping system that should take care of problems with missing records.

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use my tools to take off a branch that appears dead, and I don't wash my tools in Clorox, the next tree I touch could get it."

But McFarland knows there are no hard and fast rules when it comes to tracking the disease.

On one occasion McFarland found one infected tree after looking at block after block of healthy trees.

He was also on the lookout for signs of insects which can spread the disease — spit-tle bugs, cone beetles engraver beetles and twig beetles. The bugs may also be attracted to trees that have already been weakened by the disease.

But McFarland was careful not to assume anything just because bugs have made themselves at home in a tree. For instance, trees that have been invaded by the pitch moth — but not the fungus — will bleed just the same. But the resin will look quite different, he explained.

Orange colored resin will mark trees inhabited by Sequoia pitch moth larvae — which don't threaten the tree — while a clear and milky resin will drip from trees infected with pitch canker, McFarland said.

And there will be a lot more of the resin

on trees infected with the fungus. "Look at that uninterrupted stream," he said, pointing to a pine severely infected with pitch canker. "But I wouldn't write that little guy off yet," McFarland said.

He is happy to have observed the remission of pine pitch canker firsthand — he's witnessed trees long infected with the deadly fungus sprouting new branches.

McFarland, a retired banker and economics instructor, sometimes finds himself in the role of diplomat as he strolls Carmel streets in his brightly colored "State Parks" vest.

"People will ask me, 'Is this tree dangerous? Is it dead?'" McFarland said. "I reassure people and encourage them about living comfortably with trees."

Trained by state parks staff as well as the head biologist at Asilomar, McFarland's precise knowledge of pine pitch canker symptoms is a boon to Carmel.

"I see the people like Gene who have the experience from Asilomar as very effective," said Win. "Without the volunteers we really can't get the information we need."

McFarland, who has already covered most of the southeast corner of Carmel, is happy to be doing his part.

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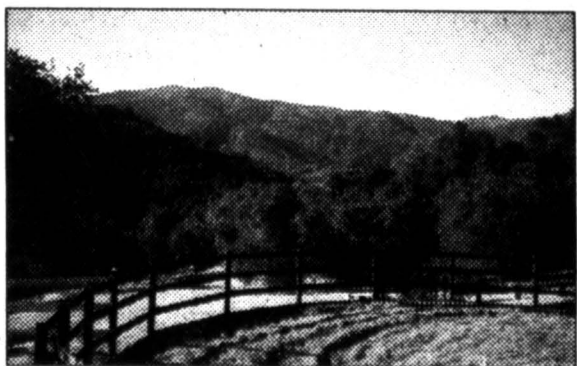
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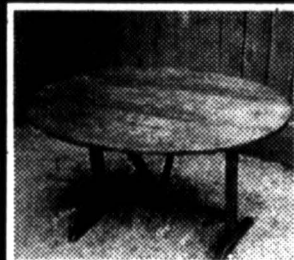
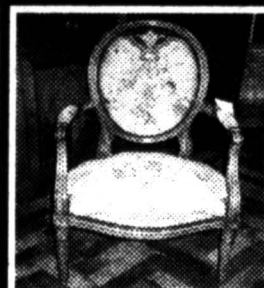
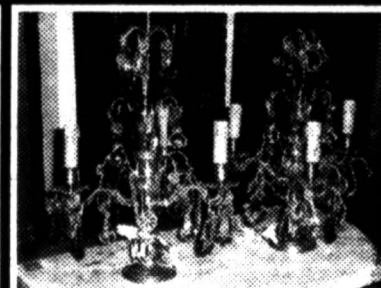
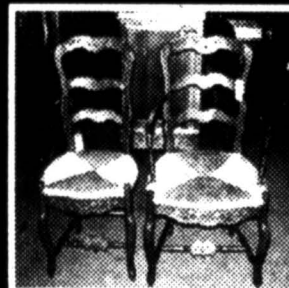
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What to do about Carmel Valley Road? Supes solicit solutions

By MARY BROWNFIELD

"EXTREME DIFFICULTY" in getting a chance to pass, cars driving in clusters, and the "shock waves" that occur when a stopped car brings a long line of vehicles to a standstill all signify deteriorating traffic conditions on Carmel Valley Road, according to Monterey County Public Works Director Lew Bauman.

The level of service on two areas of Carmel Valley Road dropped from an "acceptable" D to an unacceptable E because of increased traffic between Laureles Grade and Ford Road and between Rancho San Carlos and Schulte roads, Bauman told the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Dec. 11 during his annual report on Carmel Valley Road traffic conditions.

The decline in service requires the board to hold a hearing in January to discuss remedies, according to the Carmel Valley Master Plan. The CVMP also demands environmental review and mitigation measures to help improve traffic flow on Carmel Valley Road when traffic limits are exceeded.

Pending projects will help, a little

Remedying congestion on Carmel Valley Road may not occur any time soon. Left-turn pockets at 10 intersections between Rancho San Carlos Road and Dorris Drive will likely only provide "a minor beneficial impact," according to Bauman.

They will improve the flow of traffic because cars will not block the road when turning left and those pulling onto Carmel Valley Road from cross streets will have



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Too many cars and too little road — that's what ails Carmel Valley Road. Supervisors will meet Jan. 22 to discuss possible solutions.

room to merge, but the turn lanes won't create room for more cars on the road.

Construction should begin on those \$2,181,900 worth of improvements within the next six months, according to Bauman, and more than \$1.7 million in traffic impact fees paid by Valley developers is helping to cover the cost.

The Jan. 22, 11 a.m. public hearing will probably include solutions suggested by the public, the Carmel Valley Blue Ribbon

Traffic Committee and the county, Bauman said, with options ranging from an outright moratorium on all development to projects that would increase the road's capacity.

"What I anticipate is a joint presentation with public works, planning, and perhaps the general plan update team with some overall guidance from the county counsel's office," he said. "We would present alternatives to the board of supervisors and identify the appropriate course of action."

LIGHTHOUSE

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make seismic repairs.

The CCLK has raised more than a million dollars through grants and fundraising efforts, but has its work cut out for it to cover the costs of restoring Point Sur to its 1929 condition.

Carver said he hopes the National Geographic TV coverage, as well as a History Channel video filmed at Point Sur a month ago, will help garner publicity and more financial support for the monumental task of restoring the aged light station.

"It's really important to get this out that while we've raised and spent a million, we probably still have \$2 million to go," he said. "But the hardest thing was getting started, and we've started. We have a good track record — we've gotten a lot of mileage out of the dollar."

CCLK continues to raise money for the work through selling prisms to be installed at the light station for \$1,000 apiece — which

an anonymous donor has agreed to match, according to Carver. They've sold more than 100 prisms, an idea conceived by CCLK board member Blake Thompson, and have 35 to go.

Boonie Covelle, a docent and chairman of the volunteers at Point Sur, also spent several hours in the rain while National Geographic shot videotape and conducted interviews.

"They wanted to see the passion and volunteerism," she said, adding that many people donate their time to lead "walking talking tours" at Point Sur.

She said she hopes more people will visit the light station, and maybe even be driven to volunteer. Despite the poor conditions, the camera crew was certainly captivated by Point Sur, she said.

"The kept doing retakes. They said it was their favorite shoot."

The National Geographic television program featuring the Big Sur Lighthouse has not yet been scheduled for broadcast. The Pine Cone will report this information as soon as it is available.

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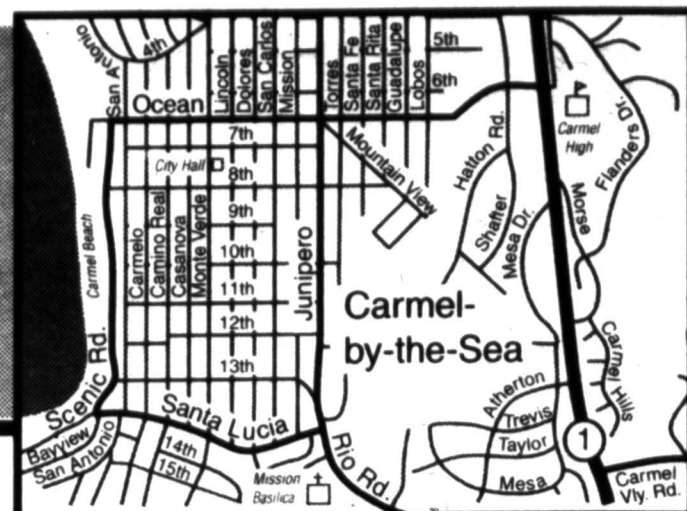
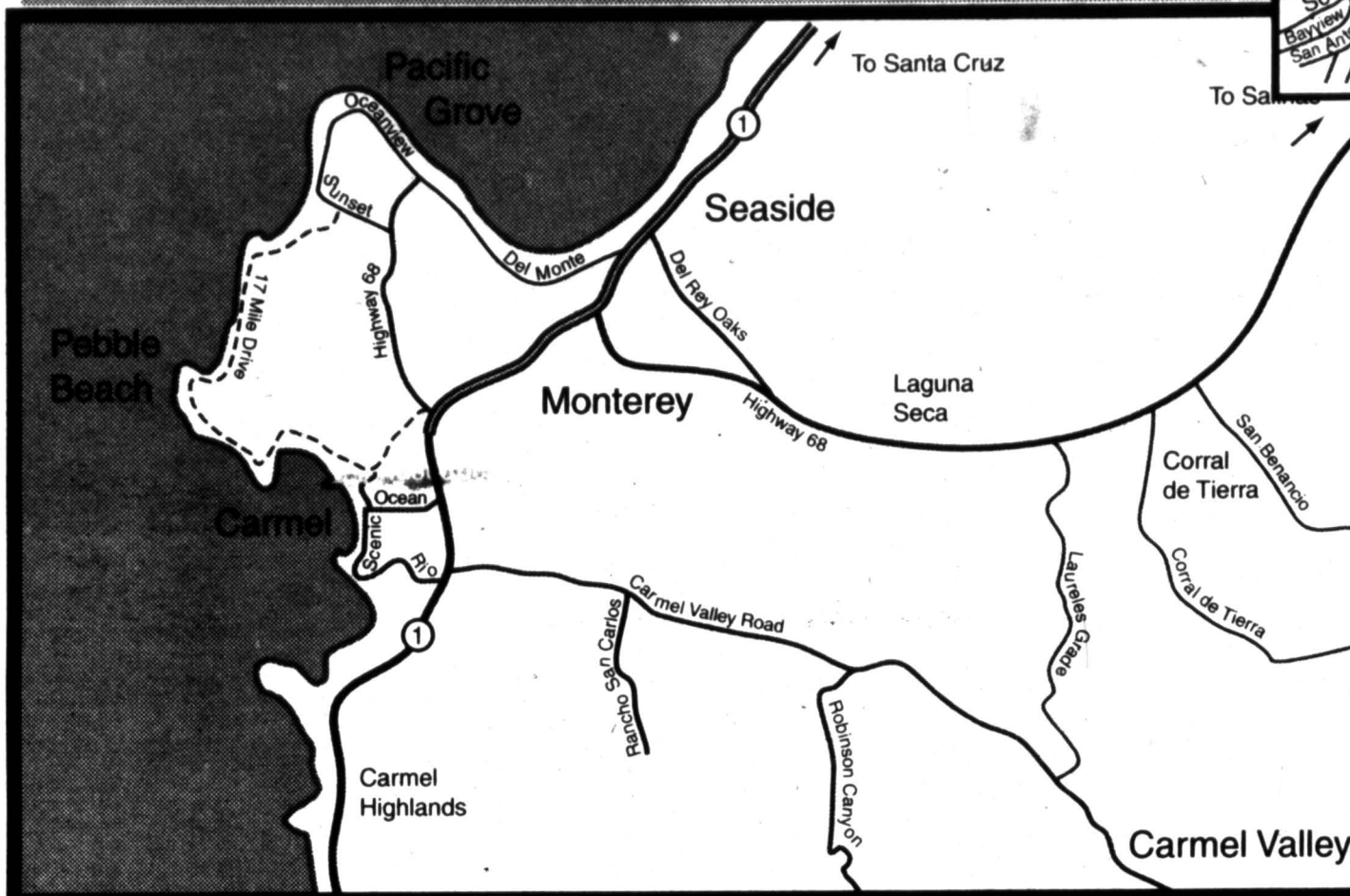
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The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
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24520 Outlook Dr #2	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
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Santa Rita 3rd SE of Ocean	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$859,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4 Su 11-1
5th Ave 3 SE of Perry Newberry	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$894,000	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
Torres 5 SE of 9th	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$950,000	2bd 1.5ba	Sa & Su 1-4
24312 San Juan	Carmel	
Nations Estates	625-8787	
\$1,149,000	2bd 2ba	Su 2-4
Torres 10 SW of 10th Ave	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,150,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2-4
Santa Rita 4 NE of 4th	Carmel	
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1 E Trail View	Carmel	
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\$1,680,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
NE Cor 8th & Carmelo	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,849,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 12-2
Lincoln 3 NW of 10th	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,995,000	3bd 3ba	Su 2-4
23865 Fairfield Place	Carmel	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$2,257,500	2bd 1ba	Sa 2-4
NE Corner Dolores & 11th	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$2,350,000	4bd 4+ba	Sa 12-4
3345 Seventh Avenue	Carmel	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$2,500,000	3bd 3ba	Sa 2-4
26386 Isabella x Scenic Ave	Carmel	
Carmel Realty	624-6482	
\$2,647,000	4bd 3ba	Su 12:30-3:30
26337 Carmelo St.	Carmel	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$2,995,000	4bd 4+ba	Sa 1-4
26162 Ladera	Carmel	
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Carmelo 2 NW of 13th	Carmel	
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26152 Ladera	Carmel	
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Scenic Road 10 SE of 8th Ave	Carmel	
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3051 Larkin	Pebble Beach	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$1,200,000	6bd 2.5ba	Sa 1-4
1063 Rodeo	Pebble Beach	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$2,295,000	3bd 3.5ba	Sa 2-4
1041 San Carlos	Pebble Beach	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	

SEASIDE

\$325,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1-4
1693 Nocha Buena	Seaside	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$369,955	3bd 2ba	Sa 2-4:30
1060 Olympic	Seaside	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$369,955	3bd 2ba	Su 1-4
1060 Olympic	Seaside	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	
\$429,000	4bd 2ba	Sa 1-3
1277 Military Ave	Seaside	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$439,000	3bd 2ba	Sa 1:30-4
1187 Barbara Ct	Seaside	
Alain Pinel Realtors	622-1040	

\$2,295,000	4bd 4.5ba	Su 2-4
2 Middle Canyon Rd rain cancels	Carmel Valley	
J.G. Stillwagon Real Estate	659-5959	

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

\$895,000	3bd 1.5ba	Sa 1-4
91 Corona Rd (rain cancels)	Carmel Highlands	
Carmel Realty	624-6482	
\$1,550,000	4bd 3ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
138 Carmel Riviera	Carmel Highlands	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	

MARINA

\$379,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 2-4
233A Mortimer Lane	Marina	
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MONTEREY

\$529,900	3bd 2ba	Su 1-3
889 Newton	Monterey	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$1,350,000	3bd 2.5ba	Su 12-2
471 Dry Creek	Monterey	
The Mitchell Group	624-0136	
\$1,599,000	3bd 2.5ba	Sa 12-3
1245 Agualito	Monterey	
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24285 Via Malpaso	Mtry/Sins Hwy	
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\$315,000	2bd 2ba	Sa 2:30-4:30
1001 Funston Ave #6	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$575,000	2bd 2ba	Su 1-3
412 Park St	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2226	
\$670,000	3bd 2ba	Su 11-12:45
307 8th St	Pacific Grove	
Coldwell Banker Del Monte	626-2222	
\$749,000	3bd 2ba	Su 2:30-4:30
663 Laurel	Pacific Grove	
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FIREHOUSE

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tion and the best way to speed up response time in a city with no street addresses.

"It is wrong that a building which houses some of the city's primary safety providers is itself unsafe," Rose wrote. The building, erected in 1937, is "charming to look at" but doesn't meet earthquake safety standards, is too small and has only one exit for fire engines — which means firefighters could be trapped in the firehouse just when they're needed most.

And conducting a GPS survey of the entire city would provide emergency personnel with a geographic location for every home and business — key information for dealing with emergencies in Carmel.

The cost question

The city's ambulance service has "response times which are the envy of the Monterey Peninsula," and is costing city taxpayers \$180,000 in 2001-2002, according to Rose. "The special needs of the city and its older population have historically justified that expense, and so far as my research is concerned, there has never been any significant sentiment to withdraw from Carmel Regional Fire and Ambulance or to join Monterey County's ambulance delivery system."

But fire service, budgeted at \$885,881 for fiscal year 2001-2002, is costly when it comes to fighting the relatively few fires that occur in the city every year, he said, prompting "some to question whether the city would be better off looking to other sources for fire protection."

In response, Rose suggested the city consider:

- consolidating the fire chief and assistant fire chief positions into a single title;
- creating a single position to oversee all public safety services in the city;
- entering a long-term contract with current Carmel Fire Chief Sidney Reade, the chief of the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District hired by the city to run CFD through the end of the 2001-2002 fiscal year; and
- working with Reade "to encourage a more seamless interaction between the city's firefighters and those who supply ambulance service."

"Because they have different missions and different employers, they come from different places when it comes to carrying out their duties," Rose told The Pine Cone. "It's important we do what we can to foster as much of a cooperative spirit as we can under those circumstances."

Considering the current economic climate and the potential for a tighter budget down the road, Rose suggested the city has several options.

■ Maintain the current, independent system but "make it a priority to better facilitate interaction with state, county and other regional safety providers." Rather than competing, various agencies should work together, he said, which would save money for taxpayers.

■ Solicit a proposal from the California Department of Forestry to run the city's fire department. According to Rose's report, the state agency already "understands that the city [would want] to retain local control of any services provided by CDF and that the citizens of Carmel-by-the-Sea want to maintain a firehouse within city limits."

■ Consider consolidation with Carmel Valley Fire Protection District.

Guillen, who received a copy of Rose's report along with Reade, wouldn't respond to the report's suggestions but said the city council would likely take up the issue when it next discusses the budget.

"We'll see what we have to do to make things operate maybe a little more efficiently at less cost," he said. "I think this report on Gerard's part is timely in terms of thinking about, Is there a better way to provide services and still be cost effective?"

Immediate action needed

"Unless somebody takes the bull by the horns and starts talking about these things, nothing ever happens," Rose said. "I think a GPS study needs to be done right now, I think something needs to be done to get the firehouse situation under control, and I think we need to do something right now for long-range planning. Now's the time to be thinking about these things."

AIA

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for the public, architect, city and government leaders to look at the ideas and select the best," Hodgin said.

Carmel Acting Planning Director Chip Rerig was equally enthusiastic about the competition. "I'm a big advocate of what the AIA is doing — taking it [affordable housing] away from the theoretical basis.

"I think we need the involvement of the design community," Rerig added. "If it's just planners or housing advocates, without designers, we're going to have something that looks like projects."

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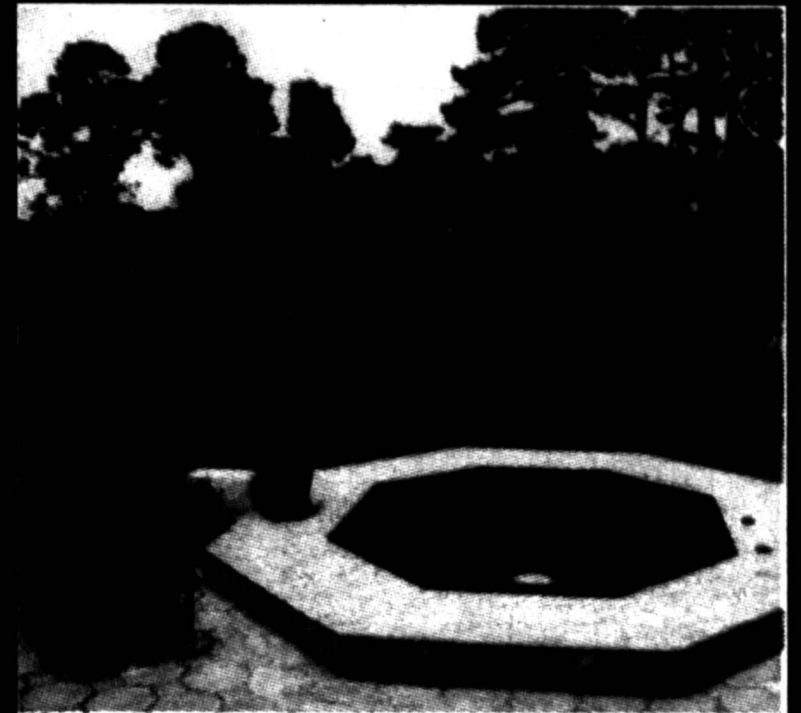
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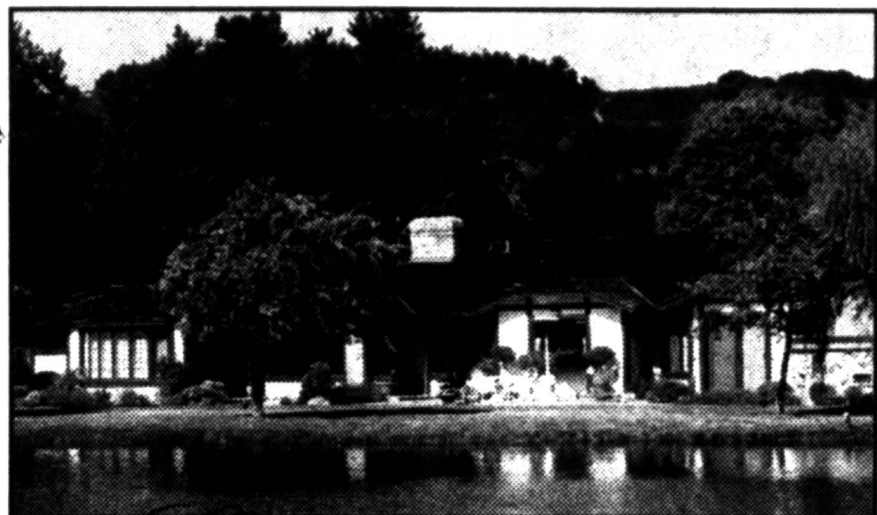
POLICE LOG

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lines were torn from a telephone pole. Relevant agencies responded.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen requested information concerning a traffic accident that occurred outside the city in 1990. Advised to contact CHP and MCSO.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Conducted a reexamination of a subject and forwarded the results to DMV after it was revealed the subject had possibly been involved in more than one recent collision.



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Carmel area: An inmate walked away from a Caltrans work detail in the area of Highway 1 and Highway 68. The inmate crew leader contacted the rehabilitation facility and the sheriff's department immediately upon discovery. BOL given to all patrol units at 1300 hours. Inmate is a white male adult, age 23 years, 6'02", 190 pounds, and has brown hair and blue eyes. Last seen wearing blue work pants and shirt, a yellow traffic vest, and white hard hat with black boots.

Pebble Beach: Man reported an unknown female stole several items from the lodge.

Pebble Beach: Welfare check requested on a Spanish Bay Circle resident. She was OK.

Carmel Valley: Berwick Drive resident reported hearing noises coming from the side of her house.

Carmel area: Atherton Drive resident reported a magazine that he was given at work had a small amount of a white powdery substance. He was concerned and requested that the package be sent to the health department for examination.

Carmel Valley: Tassajara Road resident reported a subject

came to her house and demanded reimbursement for a bounced check.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a suspicious person wearing a green jacket and backpack hiding in the bushes near Sunset Center. Area checked and the person was GOA (gone on arrival).

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Guadalupe resident reported a peace disturbance with a neighbor against whom he has lodged loud music complaints in the past. Subject drove by the residence and made an obscene gesture with a single digit finger of his hand toward him. Resident believed subject was upset over past complaints. He wanted the incident documented in the event there are future problems. Search for the subject met with negative results.

Carmel Valley: Garrapatos Road resident reported a neighbor has not been seen since yesterday evening.

Big Sur: Palo Colorado resident reported someone may have taken some of his mail from the mailbox.

Carmel Valley: Los Helechos resident reported seeing an unknown man standing in the field across from her house without apparent reason. The person was gone on arrival.

Carmel Valley: County Communications reported a Carmel Valley Road resident said he had been hit. However, it was found the person had not been hit but was highly intoxicated and did

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY

In re the Estate of BETTE L. CLIFFORD, Deceased. Case No. MP-15825

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BETTE L. CLIFFORD

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to JANE C. WOODWARD, Trustee of the Trust Dated August 21, 1996, wherein the decedent was the settlor, at P.O. Box 805, Carmel, California 93921, within the later of four months after the date of the first publication of this notice, or, if notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 9103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the court clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Kathleen Jewelllyn
Attorney for Trustee
Post Office Box 805
Carmel, California 93921

Publication dates: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 2001. (PC1201)

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M55449.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: DEBBIE LYNN LEHMAN
Proposed name: DEBBIE LYNN TAYLOR
B Present name: LINDSEY MICHELLE LEHMAN
Proposed name: LINDSEY MICHELLE TAYLOR

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 4, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Hon. Michael S. Fields
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 26, 2001.

Publication dates: Dec. 7, 14, 21, 28, 2001. (PC1206)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012239. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CRAZY SHIRTS**, Ocean & San Carlos, Carmel, CA 93921. ONLY THE BEST, INC. (state of Hawaii), 99-061 Koaha Way, 201 AIEA, Hawaii 96701. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above. (s) Debra A. Macleiros. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 29, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002. (PC1205)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M56911.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner filed a petition with this court for a decree changing name as follows:

A Present name: ANYSSA LEIGH BRITANY SPINDLER
Proposed name: ANYSSA LEIGH OLIVIER

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated

below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: Jan. 4, 2002, at 9:00 a.m. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Richard M. Silver
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Nov. 28, 2001.

Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002. (PC 1207)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012149. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **BROWN BARN PUBLISHING**, 25519 Hacienda Place, Carmel, CA 93923. BROWN BARN PUBLISHING, 25519 Hacienda Place, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Feb. 15, 2001. (s) Antonius Vanderberg, Vice Pres. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Nov. 13, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002. (PC1208)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF PATRICIA JEAN BOEKE

Case Number MP 15833

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of PATRICIA JEAN BOEKE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ROBERT H. BOEKE in the Superior Court of California, County of MONTEREY.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ROBERT H. BOEKE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 11, 2002 at 10:30 a.m., Dept.: Probate, in the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or

file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within four months from the date of first issuance of letters as provided in Probate Code section 9100. The time for filing claims will not expire before four months from the hearing date noticed above.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for petitioner: THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Hawley & Llewellyn, P.O. Box 805, Carmel, CA 93921. (831) 624-5339. (s) THOMAS HART HAWLEY, Attorney for Petitioner.

Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001. (PC 1209)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012270. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **HELLER ESTATE**, 69 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. HELLER ESTATE, INC., CALIFORNIA, 69 W. Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel Valley, CA 93924. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on Oct. 1, 2001. (s) Rene Schober. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 4, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002. (PC 1211)

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME File No. F991449. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **AOS (AOS A-COPY, INC. OFFICE SYSTEM)**, 218 Reindollar Ave., Ste. 2-B-1, Marina, CA 93933. The fictitious business name referred to above was filed in Monterey County on July 26, 1999. A-COPY, INC., 218 Reindollar Ave., Marina, CA 93933. This business was conducted by a corporation. (s) Martin Albanese. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 7, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 14, 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 2002 (PC 1212)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20012311. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **CARMEL MUSIC CO.**, 24741 Guadalupe, Carmel, CA 93923. DEXTER CRAGG JOHNSON, 24741 Guadalupe, Carmel, CA 93923. GEORGETA DIANA JOHNSON, 24741 Guadalupe, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by a husband and wife. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name or names listed above on March, 1988. (s) Dexter Johnson. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Dec. 10, 2001. Publication dates: Dec. 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 11, 2002. (PC 1213)

SUMMONS

CASE NUMBER: M53501

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT:

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There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may call an attorney referral service or a legal aid office (listed in the phone book).

The name and address of the court is: **SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY**

1200 Agujito Road Monterey, California 93940

The name, address and telephone number of the plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is:

Richard A. Smith (CSB #049095) (707) 444-9281

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Notice to the person served: You are served as an individual defendant. CCP 416.90 (individual).

Date: May 23, 2001

(s) Sherri L. Pedersen
by Risa Dalics, Deputy
Publication Dates: Dec. 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 11, 2002 (PC 1214)

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF MONTEREY

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME

Case No. M56985.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: petitioner, Richard Spencer Scully and Isabelle Antonia von Boch filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

A Present name: CELESTE LUCIA FRANCESCA SCULLY
Proposed name: CELESTE LUCIA FRANCESCA von BOCH-SCULLY
B Present name: PHILIP ALEXANDER SPENCER SCULLY
Proposed name: PHILIP ALEXANDER SPENCER von BOCH-SCULLY

THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING: January 18, 2002, at 9:00 a.m., Dept.: Civil. The address of the court is 1200 Agujito Road, Monterey, CA 93940.

A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Carmel Pine Cone, Carmel.

(s) Richard M. Silver
Judge of the Superior Court
Date filed: Dec. 14, 2001.

Publication dates: Dec. 21, 28, 2001 and Jan. 4, 11, 2002. (PC1215)

CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all persons bearing any interest in the matter, that the City Council of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California, will conduct a Public Hearing.

SUBJECT: Consideration of an appeal of a forest and Beach Commission decision denying an application to remove one 48" dbh Monterey Pine tree located on the east side of Carmelo between Eleventh and Twelfth Avenues. The owner/appellant is Silvio and Angele Borella.

PURPOSE: To determine if the Forest and Beach Commission decision should be upheld.

ZONING DISTRICT: R-1

COMPLIANCE WITH CEQA:

N/A

DAY: Tuesday

DATE: January 8, 2002

TIME: 3:30 P.M. or shortly thereafter.

PLACE: The City Council Meeting will be held in the City Hall Council Chambers located on the east side of Monte Verde Street between Ocean and Seventh Avenues.

Any court action made pursuant to decisions made by the City on this proposed action may be limited to issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are invited to attend said Hearing, and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the proposal as outlined above.

BY ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARMEL-BY-THE-SEA.

(s) Karen Crouch, City Clerk

DATED: December 18, 2001

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Publication dates: December 21, 2001. (PC1216)

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted a Ridgewood resident with questions about a suspicious solicitation. Stop payment made on a check written to Elite Sales Inc. Information only.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmelo resident arrested for spousal battery.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Assisted Pacific Grove Police Department with an analog-to-digital conversion of a video image from a surveillance tape of a fraudulent use of credit card case.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a loose dog found at Scenic and 13th. Finders of the dog advised that they would be standing by with the animal. Owner responded to take custody of his prodigal canine.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of juveniles throwing a ball into traffic at Junipero and Sixth. Located the group, who stated the ball accidentally rolled into the roadway. A mother pulled up and took the ball from them for their own safety.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Citizen reported she had a dumpster delivered and they failed to place cones or barricades around it. No hazard.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a drunk or disorderly subject at a San Carlos restaurant.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject visiting his friends at Casanova and Palou had left his dog in the bed of his pick-up truck. It was barking and disturbing the neighbors. He was contacted and took the dog inside the residence.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an Aussie/Dalmatian knocking over trash cans on Ocean Avenue. Observed the dog "Sam" pawing at a garbage bag. Startled the dog and followed him to his house on Casanova. Daughter contacted and advised a citation may be written to her mother at a later date. The dog then went into the residence.

Carmel area: Deputies responded to an Inspiration Avenue residence regarding a 911 hangup.

Carmel area: San Luis Avenue resident reported her home had been burglarized.

Carmel area: Woman reported assisting a homeless family in the area of Highway 1 and Rio Road. She requested a welfare check on the child, but they could not be located.

Carmel area: Cypress resident reported his garage was burglarized between 12/11/01 at 0800 and 12/12/01 at 1000

hours. Miscellaneous tools were stolen.

Carmel area: Woman reported the theft of her purse while at a restaurant at The Crossroads.

Carmel Valley: Subject reported being in a physical altercation with another subject at the Mid-Valley Beacon station yesterday.

Carmel Valley: Director of a Carmel Valley club reported a possible indecent exposure incident that occurred on 11/30/01 in the women's sauna room.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Theft of two television sets from a residence at Scenic and Eighth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of an overdue subject. Subject later called to advise she was in Seaside getting her flu shot and had an adverse reaction to the shot. She was treated and driven home by a friend.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Foreign visitors advised of CMC regarding camping in public and in vehicles.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Domestic violence victim came to the station regarding warrant

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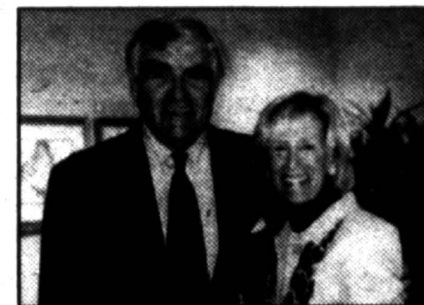


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information on the suspect, her husband. No outstanding warrants in Monterey County, but two felony warrants out of San Diego County. They had been downgraded to misdemeanor because they were for failure to complete a sentencing drug program and were non-extraditable. Victim advised.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Carmelo resident reported hearing a beeping sound coming from an unknown location. Located an interior, battery-operated, rain-soaked smoke detector that had been thrown into the ivy adjacent to the residence. She identified the smoke detector as having come from within her residence. She believed her domestic partner may have removed the smoke detector from the wall and thrown it into the ivy for unknown reasons.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Subject who quit his job was at the Lincoln Street restaurant demanding his final paycheck. He

refused to leave without it and was creating a disturbance. He agreed to leave and have his final check mailed to him. He was advised he was no longer allowed on the property and was subject to arrest should he return. He understood and agreed not to return.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of a residential burglary at San Carlos and Santa Lucia. Entry forced via a smashed window. Taken was \$1,380 in jewelry and precious metals.

Pebble Beach: Unknown person(s) vandalized mailboxes on Wildcat Canyon Road and Middle Ranch Road. Something like a baseball bat was used to smash these mailboxes off their wooden posts.

Carmel Valley: Via Marguita resident reported a possible phone scam. The caller stated he was selling items and the proceeds would go to the "American veterans."

Carmel Valley: Dorris Drive resident reported a verbal argument with her boyfriend.

Pebble Beach: Presidio Road resident reported numerous hangup phone calls over the past six weeks.

Carmel Valley: Via Mallorca resident reported the neighbor's TV is too loud.

the landlord. He was advised he could be arrested if he tries to contact her in any way. He said he understood this and the provisions of the order.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Close patrol requested of Serra School regarding an adult male driving a gold Mercedes who was taking pictures of the students on school grounds.

Carmel area: Man reported losing his cell phone at a job site at a Garrapatos Road residence.

Carmel area: Crossroads Safeway employee turned in found property that had been accumulated at the store for the past week.

Carmel Valley: Southbank Road resident reported having a problem with her stepdaughter.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of the theft of \$134 in stereo equipment from an unlocked vehicle parked at Monte Verde and Fifth.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of burglary of a San Carlos residence. Forced entry gained via smashed window in rear door. Taken was \$3,500 in jewelry and precious metals.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Observed several broken pumpkins on the roadway causing a traffic hazard. Retrieved a shovel and removed the smashed gourds from the pavement at Ocean and Torres.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Dolores resident reported someone had charged against her credit cards. Contacted her husband, who advised there is no problem with their credit cards. He said his wife has suffered from a stroke and sometimes just comes up with stories.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Off-duty P.D. personnel reported a sleeping bag and pillow inside a Torres house that is being demolished. Property checked and the structure is wide open with a tarp over the objects. Unknown if these items are old or if someone is sleeping on the property.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Civil standby requested to pick up her son's property at a Carmelo residence. Property was obtained without incident.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Report of money stolen from the tip jar at the register in an Ocean Avenue business. Suspect said he put a \$5 bill in the jar to pay for his cup of coffee and took four \$1 bills out of the jar. He showed the money. Apparently this was a



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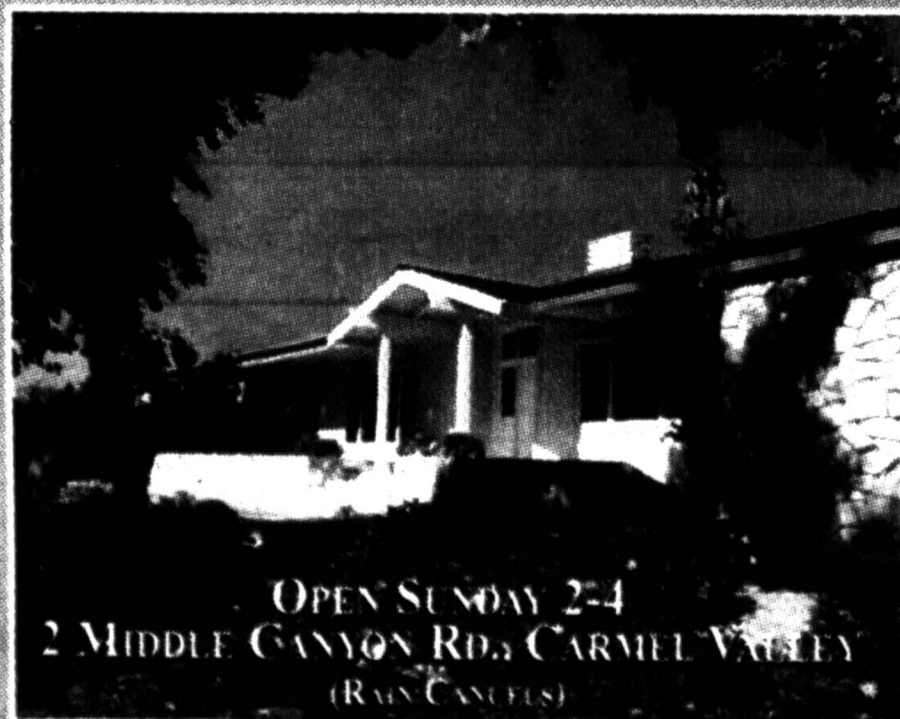
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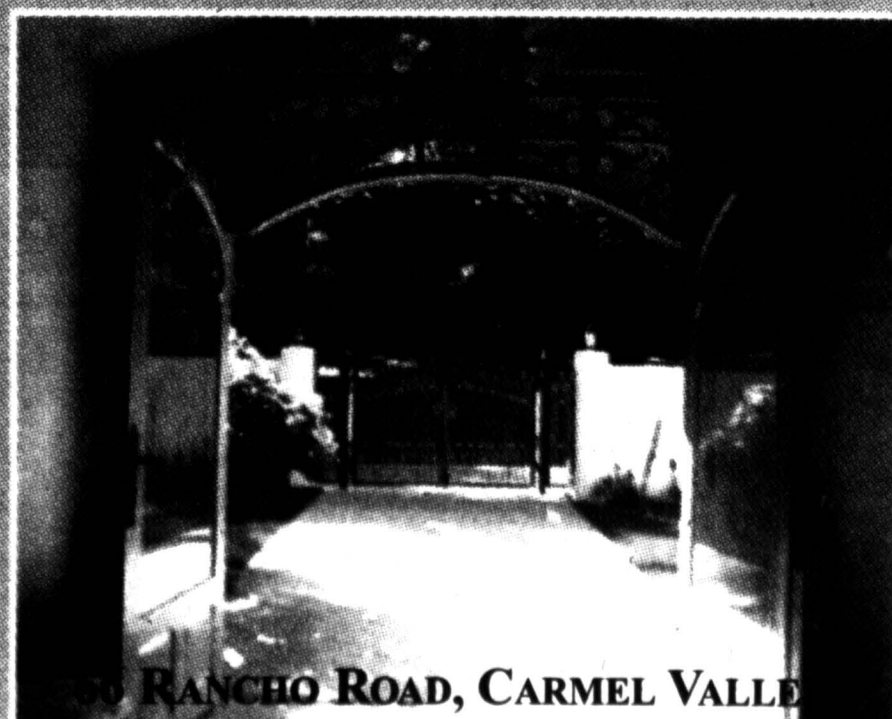
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misunderstanding. Subject was adamant he did not steal the money. He was sober and had money on him. He said he may be a "drunk" but he is not a "thief." No further action taken.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Driver stopped at Casanova and Ocean and cited for no drivers license, no insurance, and a stop sign violation. Vehicle towed.

Carmel-by-the-Sea: Casanova resident reported someone rang the doorbell but no one was there. A small plastic box containing a collar extender was found on the ground. Unknown why someone left it on their doorstep.

Carmel Valley: Deputies responded to a report of a fire at a Via Mallorca residence. Upon arrival it was discovered there was a small fire above the stove of one of the units. CDF released the sheriff's department when they obtained control of the fire.

Pebble Beach: Victims reported their cars hit with eggs.

Carmel Valley: Juveniles jumped over a fence with a mini bike on El Caminito Road. Unable to locate the juveniles.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident passed away from natural causes.

Carmel Valley: Anonymous person turned in 10 keys he found on Paso Hondo Road.



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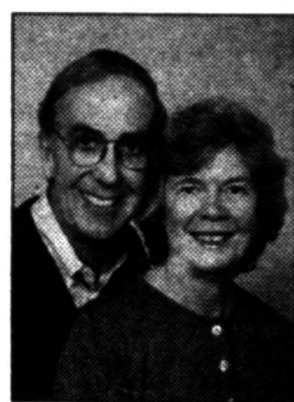
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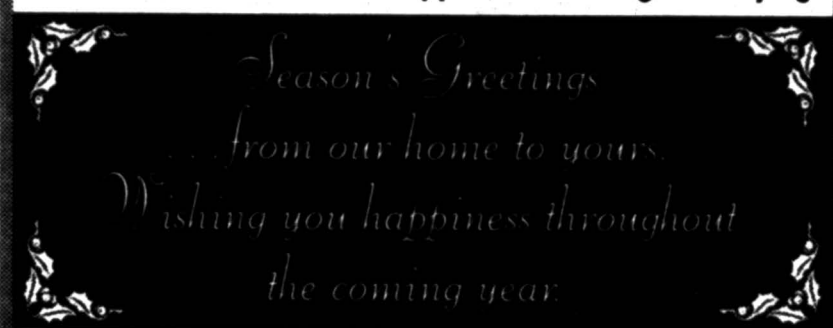
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INCREDIBLE OCEAN VIEWS! Enjoy mesmerizing ocean & Point Lobos views from this attractive, gated, 3-acre country French home in Pebbly Rio Vista. Three bedrooms, 3 baths and lush landscaping. \$1,750,000.



OCEAN VIEW MEDITERRANEAN! With views from Mt. Toro to the ocean, this completely remodeled home has many custom, quality finishes. Offering a sunny southern exposure and terraces, decks and balconies. Office exclusive. \$2,495,000.

OCEAN VIEW COLONIAL! On a quiet street a block from the beach on Carmel Point sits this 3-bedroom, 4-bath Monterey Colonial-style home. View crashing waves from the master suite. \$5,595,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

"CONTEMPORARY COMFORT!" Unique and sought-after 4-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath Carmel Knolls home. French doors, hardwood floors, skylight, plantations shutters and large landscaped yard with waterfall & 3-hole putting green. \$859,000.

VALLEY VIEWS! This contemporary "Stone Post and Flower" home, accented by antique stained-glass windows, is on an



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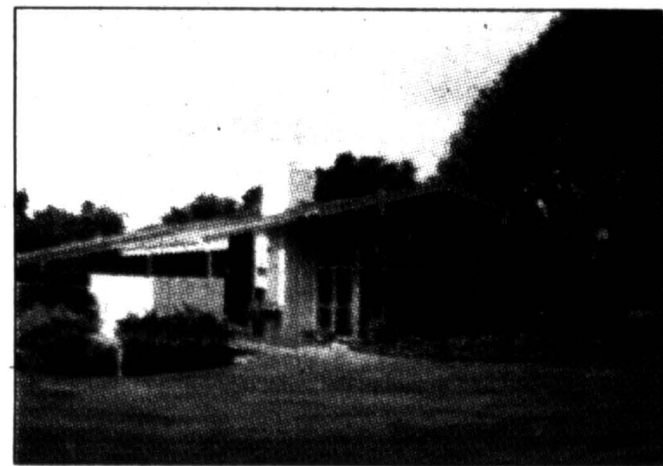
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oak-studded .70 acre lot on a quiet cul-de-sac. Two-bedrooms, 2-baths, redwood paneling, patio & deck. \$650,000.



MID VALLEY BEAUTY! Offering the best of country living, a 4-bedroom, 3-bath home on a level 1.3 acre plot. Upgraded over the past several years. Pool, patio and room for tennis court or horses. \$1,095,000.

CLASSIC CAPE COD! Nestled among pines, oaks and English gardens, this 4-bedroom, 4-bath, 3200 sq.ft. home offers a casual elegance. Property includes a separate guest apartment and wine cellar. \$1,100,000.



GOLFER'S DREAM! Overlooking the 9th green of the golf course at Quail Lodge, this 4-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath contemporary is near the clubhouse! Sold "as is." (Adjacent lot additional \$500,000.) \$1,200,000.

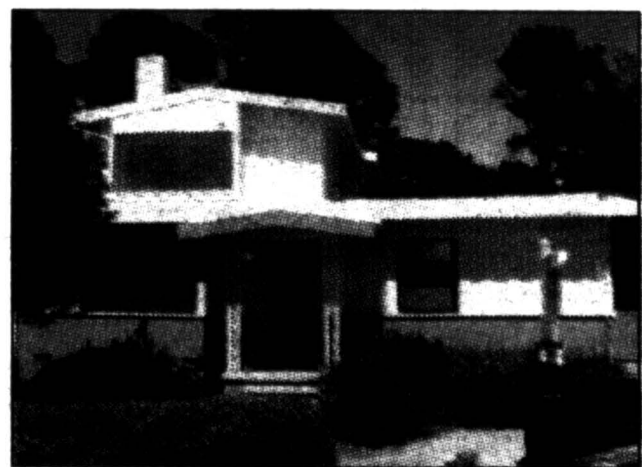
MINUTES FROM TOWN! An artistic blend of natural materials on gorgeous 1.5-acre grounds. The spacious 3-bedroom, 3-bath

main house is under 3200 sq. ft. Includes a separate guest house. Well for landscaping use. \$1,350,000.

RIO VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD! Enjoy care-free, private living on this 1-acre parcel two miles from shops, schools & golf. Four-bedroom, 2-bath one-level home with family room, two fireplaces & large workshop. \$825,000

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BAY VIEWS! Enjoy bay views from your living room and deck in this magnificent 3-bedroom, 2-bath well-cared for home. On a quiet street up the hill from Cannery Row, near DLI & PG. Wonderful value! \$449,000.



CONVENIENCE & COMFORT! On a quiet street, a ready-to-move-into home offering filtered ocean views & recent upgrades. Four bedrooms & 2-1/2 baths, modern kitchen, rear deck & fully fenced back yard. \$635,000.

BETTER THAN NEW! This lovely home in Oak Knolls has been completely upgraded. Some of the upgrades of this 2-bedroom home are custom-wood cabinets, recessed lighting, dual-pane windows, forced-air furnace and copper plumbing. It's ready and waiting for you to move in! \$499,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

WELL-LOCATED CONDO! This nice inner-complex unit near Forest Hill doesn't back up to the adjoining busy street. Well-designed

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CAPE COD STYLE! Charming, custom-built home nestled among flowers & scenic oaks on a street-to-alley lot. A light & airy atmosphere with open-beam ceilings, 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. Office exclusive. \$895,000.

GREAT FAMILY HOME! Charming 3-bedroom, 2-bath home with in move-in condition. New dual-pane windows, carpet, dishwasher, oven and more. Fenced backyard with patio, and newly landscaped front yard. \$529,900.

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ASILOMAR RETREAT! You're close enough to hear the surf at Asilomar Beach from the deck of this 3-bedroom, 2-bath ranch-style home with formal dining room. Over 1-acre parcel backing onto recreation trail. \$835,000.

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PEBBLE BEACH BEAUTY! This well-maintained 4-bedroom, 3-bath home features contemporary lines, and open living spaces. Featuring an office/den, Plantation shutters and easy-care landscaping adjacent to greenbelt. \$895,000.



ONCE IN A LIFETIME! Unobstructed ocean and MPCC golf course views can be yours. On the course, this custom-built 2-bedroom, 2-bath home features walls of windows, enclosed patio and view deck. \$3,350,000.

PREMIER OCEAN VIEW PROPERTY! This marvelous older estate property behind The Lodge sits on 1.62 acres. Magnificent ocean views, 2 bedrooms, 4 baths & separate guest house. Sold "as is." \$4,100,000.

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